



50th Jubilee

1963 - 2013



Burnside Bowling Club

Opening Day
14th September 2013



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2013/2014 season sees the Club celebrate its Golden Jubilee marking 50 years of existence. Our founding “fathers” had the foresight to create a club that has grown in size (greens and numbers) to what it is today. We have what are undoubtedly the best greens in the country, and facilities and club enthusiasm to match. This has been proved in the last 25 years where the club has been the host of numerous Centre, Inter-centre, Trans-Tasman Tests and World Bowls events culminating in the recently concluded 2013 World Bowls Singles Champion of Champions. The willingness of members to assist in these events is what makes this club great – what I like to call “The Burnside Way”.

There has been a lot of work gone into this Jubilee and I want to offer my congratulations to Kerrie Bruce and her Jubilee Committee. A special mention to Ken Wilson-Pyne and Ken Reid who have compiled this Jubilee book which I am sure will provoke many stories around the lounge when we gather for the celebrations. Happy celebrations.

Bill Fowlie
President
Burnside Bowling Club



WELCOME FROM THE JUBILEE COMMITTEE

On behalf of Burnside's Jubilee Committee, I welcome you all to Burnside Bowling Club's 50th Jubilee. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with past and present members, and invited guests.

We are pleased to acknowledge Ian and Joan Familton of Mike Pero Real Estate who are generously supporting our Jubilee programme.

I would also like to acknowledge the work that my committee has put in over the past 18 months planning and organising this Jubilee. In particular, I would like to thank Ken Wilson-Pyne who, with help from Ken Reid, has spent hours researching and compiling this Jubilee book.

We hope you enjoy celebrating this important milestone with us.

Kerrie Bruce (Committee Chair)

Jubilee Committee: Kerrie Bruce, Alan Bryce, Bill Fowlie, Judy Gamblin, Trevor Paterson, Ken Reid, Ken Wilson-Pyne.

THE BURNSIDE BOWLING CLUB 1963 – 2013

In the Beginning

Originally Burnside Park was part of an extensive estate of 1700 acres owned and farmed by the Boag Family whose homestead was sited near the present water tower. The Waimairi County Council acquired land for sub divisions and a recreational reserve and this was the beginning of Burnside Park. The south west corner, now occupied by the bowling club, was used for grazing until 1962.

A chance meeting of two men walking their dogs in the roughly formed 'Burnside Park' led to the conception of the Club. Ralph Beckenham and Walter Laing (the chairman of the Waimairi District Council) agreed to take an interest in the park and the sports that would be catered for. Using their connections, they invited Dr Geoff Orchard, a member of the Christchurch Bowling Club, and Lewis Davie, a retired surveyor who had been involved in the formation of the Cashmere Bowling Club, to join them in an interest group for regular meetings. The present site of the bowling club appealed to the group because of its open nature away from houses and because the nearest clubs – Fendalton and Elmwood – had long waiting lists.



'Fathers of Burnside'
Walter Laing, Lewis Davie, Geoff Orchard

The Birth of the Burnside Bowling Club

The Waimairi District Council was approached and a public meeting on 25 September 1963 at the Council Chambers attracted 4 women and 21 men. They didn't muck around in those days and at this meeting the Burnside Bowling Club was formed with Walter Laing as President, Lewis Davie as Secretary/Treasurer, Geoff Orchard as Vice President and a committee was elected. All intending members were to donate £5 as a gift or loan as starting money - £90 was raised at the meeting so it was all systems go.

A letter from the Council dated 19 November confirmed the precise area and approved the project – they can't have heard of the Resource Management Act in 1963! Things moved quickly. The first Executive meeting was held on 20 November 1963 at the Davie home. The County Engineer produced a final plan, siting two greens and a pavilion and this plan was enthusiastically agreed to.



Working party laying Laing Green 1964

The First Green and Clubhouse

A tender to establish and maintain one green costing £685 was accepted and Number One green was born. Money then became an issue and an application to the Golden Kiwi lottery for financial assistance was turned down on the grounds of the 'ages' of the participants as lottery funds were to foster sporting conditions for the "youth of the nation"! Seemingly bowlers didn't meet the criteria! The Council however gifted £250 and offered a loan of £2000 at 5% for ten years. Members joining before 20 December 1963 were expected to gift or loan the club £5 while subsequent members paid £5 as an entry fee. A Deed of Trust was produced to establish the issue of debentures for a building fund and subsequently Incorporation was actioned on 1 May 1964 to make the club "The Burnside Bowling Club (Inc.)"



Weeding party Davie Green January 1966

By mid February there was a good strike of grass, water had been connected and in July the tender for the first stage of the pavilion was let for £6,774. Stage 2 of the hall was to be completed by April 1965. The first AGM was held in June 1964 with Laing, Orchard and Davie in the top three executive positions.

Helen Greenwood and Lorna Storey had been on the first committee formed by the men. They relinquished these positions and there was an agreement to form the Burnside Women's Bowling Club. (See later)

By August there was a great strike of grass and weeds which necessitated shoulder to shoulder weeding parties for several weeks. Money came in from gifts, loans and a debenture scheme.

Men's subs were set at £8 and in 1965 the membership was restricted to 110 men playing members.

Opening Day (24 October 1964) was held on the green and chaired by Walter Laing. The green was not used until early November with interclub games being played away until 21 November. The new clubhouse – the present dining room and kitchen – was soon completed and used for meetings and indoor bowls.

Work began on the second green and consumed thousands of volunteer hours. The trees, shrubs and gardens also were worked on and they formed part of the legacy that we enjoy today.

At the second AGM (1965) – the first to be held in the clubhouse – Lewis Davie was elected as the first life member. The phone was connected and so communication improved remarkably. Ken Shivas' name became prominent at this time for clubhouse building and improvements and remained so for several decades.

The second season saw the men's membership at 124, mandatory whites on Saturdays and no morning bowls except for weekends. The women were allowed to use 4 rinks for afternoon play. They couldn't play on Saturdays

but did get plenty of catering work. On 29 December 1965 the Number 1 green was used in section play during the Dominion Championships (Nationals) and received high praise.

In 1966 Geoff Orchard was elected president. The Number 1 and Number 2 greens were named Laing and Davie respectively and the latter was first used in December 1966. This meant that the women could be given the use of extra rinks and that morning play was now allowed for all. Hec Orchard, Secretary of the local Turf Research Institute, became the club's first green keeper – a role he performed for seven years. Application for a third green was made in March 1968. The Wahine Storm in April, 1968 resulted in members being levied for the first time - \$1 each for the replacement of damaged fences.

Burnside's first Centre title was won by Ian Read in 1968 in the Champion of Champions Colts Singles. The next Centre title was not won until 1977 by the men although the women won the Open Pairs, Open Fours and Rose Bowl Fours in 1976. These successes were the forerunners of the dozens that followed in future years.

Weed versus Grass

In the late sixties interest grew in cotula weed which was being introduced successfully at other clubs. Hec Orchard believed in grass and did not encourage this latest fad. The Executive appointed a "Conversion Committee" headed by Ernie Watt who was a cotula enthusiast from his Southland days. Cotula seed was obtained from the Meadowbank Club in Oamaru and laid on the Laing Green. Later more seed came from Oamaru's Phoenix Club for the Davie Green. The changeover to weed greens began in 1973 with side excursions into Maniototo seed resulting in the great greens we play on today. No wonder players from South of the Waitaki play so well on them – they are virtually playing at home! Incidentally the green keeper resigned about this time.



Opening Day 24th October 1964

Here's one for Trivial Pursuits purists. Who played in the first bowls match to be televised live in New Zealand? In 1969 the Centre's Champion of Champions Singles final between Eric Bell of Burnside and the winner, Bill Newburgh of Elmwood was televised live in glorious black and white. Incidentally Bill Newburgh joined Burnside in the 1990s, won two Club titles in Noel Millar's Four and was a valued coach and selector.



New pavilion lounge wing takes shape 1975-1976

The Lounge

A "lounge" committee chaired by Bill Morrison was established in September 1973. Plans were drawn and permits applied for. Unfortunately a neighbour lodged an objection on the basis that the extension would overlook his swimming pool. This controversy continued for over a year and inflation was increasing the cost. This got too much for Les Pope who organised a deputation of 92 bowlers to confront the objector and his lawyer at a Waimairi Council meeting. The application was granted early in the meeting in quick time (probably to clear the room) with the proviso a door in the south wall was to remain closed except in emergencies. The additional costs meant that one beam was cut from the plan. Fletchers built the lounge and grants came from the Government, Council and members. The Christmas Party in December 1976 was quite a celebration when the lounge was officially opened. The lounge has been named after Les Pope to acknowledge his efforts in the building of the extension, his fundraising skills and other contributions to the Club.

Up to this time, after-match functions were held in the pavilion (present dining room) using a temporary trestle bar at the car park end of the building. Flagons were bought on Friday night from the Russley Hotel for weekend use while the hotel had given the Club its old spirit bowser system. This all changed. A bar was built into the new lounge with much of the work done by Ken Shivas, Evan Lang and Tom Wildes. Windows overlooking the new Orchard Green were added in 1980. 1976 saw the Club's first success at national level at Dunedin where Bill Morrison, Tom Brady, Peter Rose and Ken Shivas (skip) were runners up to Phil Skoglund's Northern Club four in the Dominion Championships.



New lounge - retro 1976



R/U Dominion Fours 1976
Bill Morrison, Tom Brady, Peter Rose,
Ken Shivas (Skip)

Alan Bryce remembers.....

When I joined the Club in 1972 I was the youngest by 20 years. Men were in one Club and the ladies had their own Club. After much debate the Clubs amalgamated in 1998. A great change for the better.

The Club was dry until Ken Doell (Peter's father) decided that members should be able to enjoy a drink at the Club instead of having to go to the Russley Hotel. Jars were the means of supply and drinks were served from a trestle that formed the bar in the dining room. Things have progressed a lot since then.

The two greens, Davie and Laing, were grass. The decision to go to weed was an excellent one and with great management we continue to enjoy world class greens. The Orchard green ensured we claimed the space in the park.

Sponsorship really started in the 1973/74 season with General Finance and Glenvale Wines being the pioneers. The only sponsor prior to that was Aulsebrooks who donated a trophy for the Labour Day Fours and provided product for the prizes.

The extensions to the pavilion were the project of a committee of one - Bill Morrison. Bill was committed to ensuring the job was done properly in all respects. The Waimairi Council meeting to approve the windows on the west side of the upstairs was a good example of Club involvement. The Club had 92 members attend that meeting and the residents opposing had two - the main objector and his lawyer. The Council changed the order paper, heard the argument and decided quickly in the Club's

favour – the power of numbers and lobbying won. The Council Chairman had always been invited to Opening Days.

One team – Bill Morrison, Tom Brady, Peter Rose and Ken Shivas, dominated the results for quite a period. Any rare victory against them was enjoyed. Now with the benefits of excellent coaching the games are more competitive and results are spread around more.

The windfall from Housie proceeds, in conjunction with the Burnside Rugby Club, in earlier years and successful applications to the Gaming Trusts have, with prudent management, placed the Club in very good shape to progress into the next 50 years. It is great to be a member of a progressive club.

Alan is the longest serving active member. He joined Burnside in 1972 and has been a member of the Club for 41 years. During this time he was the Club's Secretary 1973-76 and Treasurer 1982-86. He won the Club Singles Championship in 1979 and 1982 and was the Centre Singles Champion in 1994. For several years he has been the recruitment convenor and has mobilised volunteers to help him run the Mates in Bowls series and Have a Go days. He was instrumental with Don Bisman in running Business House Bowls competitions through the 1980s and 1990s. He also assisted Allan Nimmo in the early days of the Burnside Invitation Pairs. Alan has excelled as a sponsor finder for numerous tournaments and Club projects. At the height of his powers when Alan wound up for a drive the whole green paused for self preservation reasons.

The Orchard Green

In October 1979 Dr Geoff Orchard opened the third green which was named in his honour. This green was delayed for some time because neighbours were concerned that they would see bowlers' heads above the fence line during play. This was fixed with plantings on the south boundary. The Orchard Green (with its North Otago weed) allowed further membership expansion to make Burnside the largest club in the South Island in 1979.



Opening Day Davie Green 1966



Alan Bryce hoists the winning bowl in MIB spider

The new facilities meant for that for the first time Bowls NZ requested Burnside as a venue for the 1980 Dominion Rothmans Provincial Finals. Other requests followed and Australia defeated NZ eight matches to four in three men's test matches on Burnside's greens in early April 1982. These requests continue today.

A new three-green watering system was installed in 1984. This computerised sprinkler system was opened on Opening Day, 2 September 1984, by Margaret Murray, Chairman of the Waimairi District Council. It has proved to be a wonderful asset to the playing surfaces and the Club.

By 1987 the Burnside Bowling Club (350 members) and the Burnside Women's Bowling Club (128 members) had the largest combined membership numbers of any bowling complex in the country.

The Second 25 Years – 1988-2013

1988 witnessed another innovation – winter bowls on the Orchard Green where the surface was protected by an experimental roll-on, roll-off plastic cover. Records say that the green played well and six or seven rinks were used regularly but the experiment proved to be short lived and was soon discontinued.

At a Special General Meeting in September 1990 a major seachange in thinking resulted in an amendment to the Constitution and Rules of the Club to permit a Women's Section into the Club membership. This gave the women access to all parts of the Club as of right but not the right

to be elected to the Men's Executive or voting rights. Up until this time, although they had playing rights, handled most of the catering and did many of the jobs such as furnishing and decorating to keep the club attractive and alive, the women were not legally permitted to enter the Lounge without signing the Visitors' Book. In other words, in the rules of the time the women were regarded as 'guests' in their own club. These laws were being tightened up and the Men's Executive took the opportunity to give the women membership rights. Although only given limited rights, this was a big step forward in what had been previously a male dominated environment with the ladies kept on the outside.

In a rather prophetic statement, the Constitution Committee's convenor, Ralph Simpson, wrote; "Who knows, this could lead to a combined Club and joint Executive sometime in the future?"

Clubhouse Extension

The pressure of numbers meant that another clubhouse extension was proposed and necessary. This extension was strongly recommended by Jack Forbes' Planning Committee after a review of Club facilities.

Toilets, the present meeting room, improved bar facilities and more space were added upstairs in 1992, while downstairs extra space for men's and women's lockers, ladies' toilets, room for green keeping gear and kitchen facilities was added or improved. New windows to give a better view over the Davie and Laing greens were built in and the carpet was also renewed. This time the neighbours opposed the extension because of the fear of noise. A compromise was reached and the Club agreed to a stipulation that the Club lease-footprint would not increase in the future. The extension was conditional on extra parking to be made available in the Waimairi Council's nursery and the bridging of the stream behind the soil shed. The plan was for entry through the present gate and exit through the Burnside Park gate. This did not happen but the extension went ahead anyway. A footbridge over the stream was built in 2007 for World Bowls 2008. Funding was provided by trusts, Member

Debentures and a huge number of volunteer hours. Work commenced in May 1992. Don Bisman, Bill Cosgriff and Elwyn Hay were to the fore on this major development called Project '91'.

Warwick Ainger - Finance Convenor

Since 1963 the Burnside Bowling Club has developed and grown as a result of many "volunteers" helping in their own area of expertise. Tradesmen, bank managers, professionals and retirees among others have helped the Club progress to its present state. From 1963 to 1990 the Club cash reserves grew due to our large membership, income from our popular tournaments, repayable loans from the Waimairi County Council and Christchurch City Council, housie proceeds, poker machines, grants (especially from the Racecourse Hotel) and debentures lent to the Club by members.

In 1991 a Finance subcommittee comprising George Muirhead, Bill Devine, Bruce Hamilton, Neil Howman, Roy Martin, Rod Maxwell and Arthur Stone was appointed by President Elwyn Hay. This group was charged with finding the funds for Project '91' – the expanded upstairs and downstairs clubhouse facilities at a cost of over \$250,000. The extensions were completed in 1992-93. They were funded by Member Debentures of \$120,000, the Club's accumulated cash reserves of \$70,000, a lottery grant of \$35,000, a City Council loan and an overdraft from the Bank of \$15,000. The Debentures in \$250 units were for 10 years at 5%, repayable on one month's notice. As members became older the requests for repayments grew at a great rate mainly from executors of estates. This caused the hairs on the Trustees' heads (Ken Booth and Warwick Ainger) to change to white in case many more letters were received from executors!! However all were paid out by the due date. There are now no loans or overdrafts outstanding and cash reserves total \$79,000 as at 30 April, 2013. A great Club effort!



Clubhouse Extension 1992

THE BURNSIDE WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB – 1964-1998

Helen Greenwood and Lorna Storey had been on the first committee formed by the men. They relinquished these positions to endeavour to form a Women's Bowling Club. Advertisements were placed in local newspapers seeking members. As the pavilion had not yet been built the Burnside Women's Bowling Club's first AGM on 1 July, 1964 was held at Helen Greenwood's home. Seventeen members attended and Helen Greenwood (President), Lorna Storey (Vice President) and Thelma Kelly (Secretary/Treasurer) were elected as leaders of the new club together with a full committee. Membership numbers were to be limited to 34 with a subscription of £2-10s. Hours of play, the use of the pavilion and catering and kitchen control were all agreed on with the men. Walter Laing and Dr Geoff Orchard acted as mentors explaining the co-operation that would be required between the two Clubs.

So began the BWBC which affiliated to the Christchurch Women's Bowling Centre in September 1964 and held its first opening day on 17 November 1964.

It was decided that the Club colours should be a red and white headband, a blue blazer with a pocket monogram with a background of snow capped mountains and in the foreground two poplars beside a river. The Christchurch Women's Centre then decided that all clubs should have standard navy and red hat bands with the Christchurch Centre monogram on the blazer pocket. The word 'BURNSIDE' was allowed under this monogram. Individuality was not fostered much in the early sixties even though the hugely individualistic Beatles were then a great hit!

In the beginning the Club had few funds but selling tried and true recipes helped and by the end of the first season the Club had £135 in the bank. The BWBC paid a proportion of their subscriptions, and when possible an annual donation to the Men's Club. As membership and funds grew so did these payments until both amounted to several thousand dollars annually. In addition over the

years several assets such as kitchen lino, cutlery, crockery, refrigerators, curtains, tables, chairs and cleaning equipment were provided to the Club.

Early on very few members knew much about the game so coaching was and has always been important in the Club. The men helped and coaches such as Joan Kuchen, Ina Gardiner, Marjory Steele, Merle Brady, Jean Davis, Kathleen Hay and Mavis Gordon among others were crucial in players' development and success. Merle Brady, Marjory Steele, Maureen Mercer, Marjory Waldron and Ellen Lindley were prominent as umpires. The coaching obviously was effective as in 1976 Thelma Kelly (s), Noney Morrison, Jean Davis and Glennis Tozer won the Centre Open Fours – the first open title won by either Club. Later that year Glennis Tozer and Betty Lee won the Centre Open Pairs championship. Many titles were to follow.

From the start the BWBC played the major role in catering for both Clubs. Rosters ensured that everyone was involved. Catering convenors included Joan Kuchen, Noney Morrison, Jean Barron, Jean Stephen, Pat Shivas, Ola Williams, Elizabeth Oliver and Barbara Williamson. During the 1980s Nita and Ran Ingram were contracted as caterers. The catering services provided were a definite benefit to the men's Club. The BWBC 1990 AGM notes that kitchen work was "getting a bit much". Over the six month season there were 100 days in the kitchen – 80 of these for the men. Over the years several tour groups from Australia, Canada, USA and the UK were hosted and several national championships were catered for. The 1995 AGM decided to use outside caterers for all-day tournaments.



Proposed BWBC
blazer pocket



BWBC Opening Day 1984

Yvonne Howman reminisces.....

When I started playing bowls in 1984 our Club had a very large membership of men, and a waiting list for women. We numbered 130, played 1-00pm – 4-00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and took up two full greens. Dress was of great importance; skirts had to be within 16 inches

of the ground, tops were strictly monitored, no trousers of any sort were to be worn, while the only jewellery allowed was the ring or rings worn on the ring finger of the left hand and the only permitted earrings were gold or pearl studs! My first bowling hat resembled the Barbadoes Street Cathedral dome – white with a small brim on the front, a button in the middle and trimmed with a navy Club band which was later changed to the colour of the Christchurch Centre with our Club badge allowed on the side.

We were offered coaching by some of the top men players. I was lucky enough to have George Muirhead, who like me, is still enjoying the facilities and companionship at Burnside. First year players were graded as leads and there was a Club Championship for us. There were 12 of us that year such was the popularity of the game. Club Championships were played with drawn teams; grading was strictly adhered to and the skips were the shot makers we all



Yvonne Howman 2013

admired and aimed to be like. There were no juniors as such and you learned your trade by coming up through the ranks. Entry to the Club Championships was according to rank and before each event we all sat and watched the teams being drawn out – leads, seconds and thirds all hoping to get a top skip. No doubt skips hoped that they would be given a team of players who could at least draw the odd shot! For

Centre events we chose our own teams and there were huge entries from all over Christchurch. Burnside's top ladies often qualified for post section play, and those who had not, very often spent the next few days supporting them complete with deckchairs, lunches and the hats of course – worn to impress! There was great Club unity.

Burnside was blessed with three beautiful greens. It was only after I started playing at other clubs that I realised how spoilt we were and still are, thanks to green keepers like Ken Prebble and Glen Miller. I often remarked that our gorgeous greens didn't prepare us for championships played elsewhere as we were used to perfection. Anyway that was my excuse!

Over many enjoyable years there have been great changes including most notably amalgamation,

Burnside Women's Bowling Club.

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17 Camrose Place
Christchurch 4
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Dear Mrs. Lees,

Your application to become a member of the above club has been accepted. We do hope that you will be able to play regularly & enjoy many happy hours on the green. Our club days are Tuesdays & Wednesdays starting at 1.30 pm. – names in by 1.15 pm. White frocks to be worn at all times not more than 16" from the ground. You will hear more sometime in September.

Yours Sincerely
J. Kelly
Hon. Secretary

Letter of Welcome to BWBC

mixed Executives and many more mixed events that can only improve the general standard of play. I have played with and against many of our top Club bowlers with Marjory Steele coming to mind as our most successful. Marjory won 14 Club singles championships and numerous other Club and Centre titles. Sharon Kitching who came much later was a beautiful player and person and the present World Number One player, Jo Edwards, who was with us for five years is a superb bowler and is still playing for New Zealand.

Today players are classified as juniors for five years with their own events and championships which can lead to provincial and national representation. Burnside has had two girls, Olivia Davids and presently Tayla Bruce, who have reached this level. Their success has thrilled us all.

This Club has provided me with so much enjoyment in a game I truly love, some successes and like all bowlers, days that I have wondered if I had ever held a bowl before. It has also given me some personal friends I will treasure forever.

Mention must be made of fund raising from tournaments, raffles and donations not only for the two Clubs but also for charities such as the Heart Foundation, the Cancer Society and Cholmondeley Home. In annual reports Daphne Jenkins, Marjory Waldron and Joy Scanes are mentioned for their raffle selling skills as are Jan Harmon and Judy Gamblin for Lotto competitions and chook raffles respectively.

Although essentially two clubs sharing the same facilities there was always cooperation between the two clubs in the use of the greens, mixed tournaments, family BBQs and social events.

One event in particular stands out as it received mention in every annual report from 1969 - the Gardiner Trophy - for play between the mid-week Men's and Women's Clubs. This contest rather optimistically referred to as 'the boys versus the girls' was won for the first four years by 'the boys' until in 1973 the tables were emphatically turned by the girls. After amalgamation the heat seems to have gone out of this rivalry with the last contest being played in 2001. For the record the boys triumphed 20 times to the girls' 9 wins.

Burnside Women's Bowling Club



330 Avonhead Road

NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Members are hereby notified that the THIRTY FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the BURN-side WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB will be held in the Club Lounge on WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY 1998 at 1pm.

BUSINESS:

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual Meeting (circulated)
3. Correspondence
4. To receive the President's Report & any comments
5. Treasurer's Report, Statement of Receipts & Payments
6. General
7. Notice of Motion - Windup of Burnside Women's Bowling Club and transfer of Assets to Burnside Bowling Club Inc

PLEASE NOTE:

Members are invited to attend the INAUGURAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the amalgamated BURN-side BOWLING CLUB INC held in the Club Lounge on SUNDAY, 21 JUNE 1998 at 1.30pm

PEGGY CALDER
Hon Secretary
23B Kedleston Drive
Christchurch 4

AMALGAMATION 1998 – ONE CLUB

Prior to 1996 lawn bowls in New Zealand was administered by two separate bodies – The New Zealand Bowling Association (NZBA) and the New Zealand Women's Bowling Association (NZWBA).

In 1991 the NZBA appointed a task force to prepare a plan for the future direction of lawn bowls. The major recommendation from the task force was that the NZBA and NZWBA should amalgamate to form a new controlling body – "Bowls New Zealand Inc".

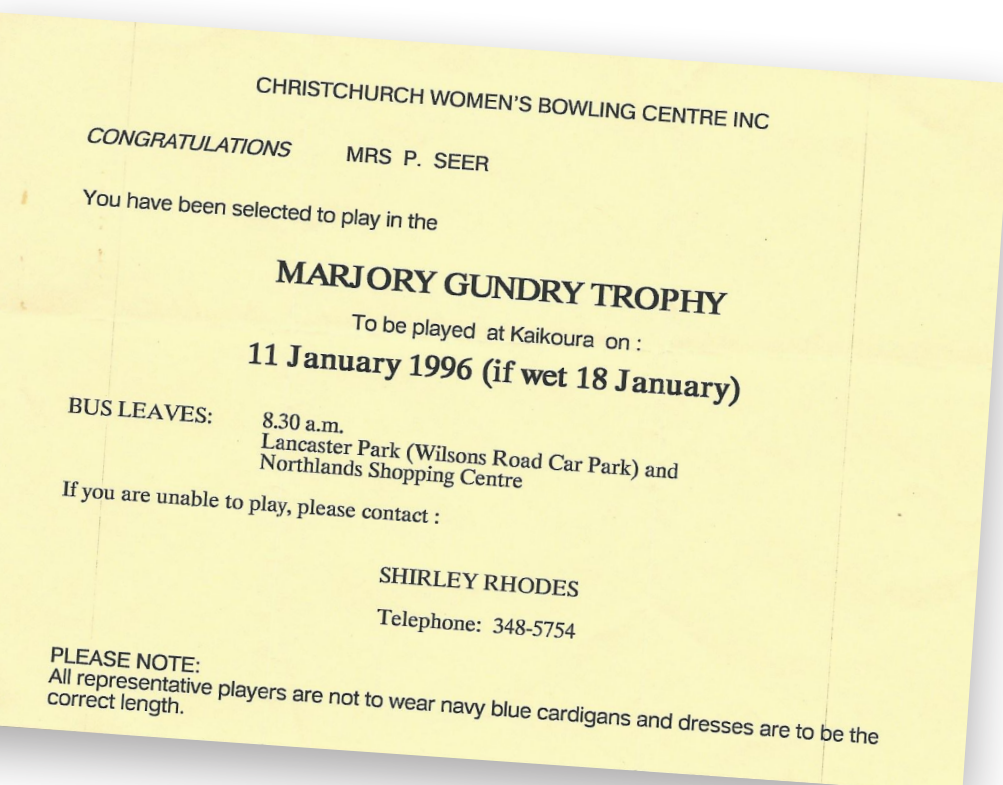
Discussions, arguments and concerns ensued and continued for some time especially among NZWBA members who feared losing their independence and history. Finally agreement was reached and in May 1996 the NZBA and the NZWBA combined to form Bowls New Zealand Inc (BNZ).

Burnside's two Executives did not sit on their hands. In September 1996 a committee of Ray Stewart, Geoff Ramshaw, Yvonne Howman and Judy Gamblin was established to draft a constitution based on BNZ's model constitution. A year later a subcommittee representing both the men's and women's clubs recommended acceptance of the constitution to the two Executives and in December 1997 the constitution was endorsed by both Executives. After extensive consultation with all members of both clubs the two Executives discussed submissions and reached final agreement.

In March 1998 on consecutive days the two clubs each held a Special General Meeting to adopt the new constitution. Amalgamation of the Burnside Bowling Club and the Burnside Women's Bowling Club was unanimously agreed to.



Last Committee meeting BWBC June 1998



On May 27, 1998 at the 35th AGM of the Burnside Women's Bowling Club a notice of motion was passed to wind up the BWBC and to transfer all the assets of the Club to the Burnside Bowling Club (Inc).

Two Clubs were now one! Ralph Simpson's question posed in 1990 was answered in the affirmative.

As it happens, the Christchurch Women's Bowling Centre was reluctant to amalgamate with Bowls Canterbury. The amalgamation of the two Centres was finally settled in 2001.

THE BURNSIDE BOWLING CLUB (INC) – 1998-2013

Amalgamation of the men's and women's clubs was agreed to in May 1998 and the first AGM of the Burnside Bowling Club as we know it today was held on 21 June 1998 with Ken Judd being elected President.

Two years later Judy Gamblin was elected as the first woman president of the Club. At this AGM in 2000 Vice President Mike Small led the discussion about taking down the tin fence on the Avonhead Road frontage and replacing it with a see-through brick and wrought iron one. Mike's presentation covering pros and cons, costs, options, wind effects, security and vandalism was so compelling that virtually no opposition was raised. The fence was completed in May 2001.

Judy Gamblin – President 2000-2001 reflects...

After joining the Club in 1993 and serving on sub committees and Executives for several years, I was elected President for the 2000-2001 season. I felt privileged to preside over such a large and well-run Club.

The first challenge was the old tin fence on Avonhead Road. After many discussions, some quite heated, it was demolished and a lovely new brick/wrought iron fence was erected. The project was led by Mike Small and the new fence enhanced the look of the Club tremendously. The Millennium Garden was established, the flag poles were realigned to form an arrowhead by Russell Cockroft and the sundial was re-sited. Some lovely plantings of rhododendrons and azaleas by Dal Stott and Gordon Dixon completed the garden. Stewart Buttar started his Pro Bowls shop in the present ground floor office, offering all manner of bowls gear as well as coaching. It was the first bowls shop of its kind in Christchurch. Secondary Schools Bowls started in October. We hosted Burnside High School on Wednesday afternoons.

The Club computer was born on November 1, 2000 – thanks to Arjan Van Hasselt. Who could have imagined it would grow like it has today with Burnside leading the way with its website and tournament draws' and results' programmes? Ken Prebble was deservedly awarded the Certificate of Merit by Bowls NZ's Greenkeeping Association.

Sun shelters were discussed at the November 2000 Executive meeting and have remained as a running agenda item ever since. In September 2013 large umbrella type shelters have been installed at last.

My year as President went by very quickly. I enjoyed every day of it, and thank everyone I worked with for giving me the support needed to run a Club like ours.



Official raising of the new BBC flag 2000
Dal Stott (foundation member)
with Judy Gamblin (President)

Judy Gamblin has continued to serve the club in a number of capacities ever since her term as President as well as serving on the Executive of Bowls Canterbury and the Board of Bowls Events NZ.

Innovative Ideas 2003

2003 was the Club's 40th Anniversary Year and on January 22 President Mike Small convened a Special General Meeting, attended by 97 members, with business of a "proposed development plan for the Burnside Bowling Club". There were three agenda items.

The addition of an administrative level above the existing dining room. This was to be built by Bowls Canterbury as their relocated offices. Included in the plans were a lift, a viewing balcony and several offices. All this at no cost to Burnside and the dining room would be untouched (even if a bit top heavy).

The possible amalgamation of the Burnside and Canterbury Bowling Clubs. Canterbury was asset rich but member poor. Informal talks were taking place with some conditional issues about membership status, a city base and transport to Burnside being raised by Canterbury.

The building of an indoor stadium to enclose the Orchard Green. This project depended on the amalgamation coming to fruition and Council approval. The Council wanted any stadium to be attached to the clubhouse. Because of the 1991 extensions agreement, the footprint of the Club could not be increased so a stadium could not be added as a fourth green.

All three proposals were related to each other and after robust discussion the meeting gave approval for the Executive to proceed with the first stage of the Centre project, approval for a feasibility study of amalgamation with Canterbury, and agreed to pursue the concept of a stadium, subject to Council approval and finance being available.

Unfortunately none of these projects got past first base. Bowls Canterbury, after spending several thousand dollars (from Trusts) on tender plans, could not afford the \$1,000,000+ building costs. Amalgamation talks stalled when demands got complicated and then Canterbury decided to carry on and revitalise their own club. The stadium idea dimmed with the amalgamation talks but is still alive today. Burnside's commitment to World Bowls in 2008 and now in 2016 is an immediate constraint but interestingly an indoor bowls stadium was on the Council's City Plan in 2003 but five years later had disappeared.

Don Bisman – Life Member remembers....

As a new member I can well remember being looked after and advised frequently about what I needed to do, where and when. Relating to new members is very important and together with many others, I was very fortunate to have Ernie Watt as a thoughtful minder. It was a great feeling as a new player to be included in Club teams and to play with more experienced players. With their assistance my playing ability and game knowledge improved and I am grateful for those members who have helped me over the years in these aspects. As with most members after a few years I got involved in the running of the Club. My involvement resulted in being elected to the Executive and working with Elwyn Hay, Don Campbell, Henry Vannoort and Ken Judd among others before and during my term as President in 1991-92.

Stewart Buttar's selection to play for New Zealand in 1993 was a Club highlight and it was tragic for his family and our Club to lose him at such an early age. It was a privilege to be involved in the National Championships 1996, 1999 and 2004 and the international events 2005-2008 and I was proud to see so many of our members involved in both running these successful and prestigious events and volunteering to help.

Twenty years ago I was asked to join the Tuesday Walking Group. Walking with other members was always pleasurable and our chats entertaining. There



'Four of the best'
Don Bisman, Dave Johnston, Peter Carter and Bob Waldron at Endeavour Inlet

were times when I got a bit behind but if I had Davie Johnston with me a melodious yodel kept us in touch with the rest of the group. I remember walking beside Tom Brankin and taking two steps to his one to keep up. After 10 years I graduated to the 'Elite' Thursday Group and both these groups gave me and other members a lot of enjoyment and increased our general education. I got a lot of personal satisfaction from playing bowls especially as I improved and winning the Club Fours later in my playing career in 2007 with Des Fitzpatrick, Kevin Harmon and Mike Sykes was a special thrill.

Our greens are world class and Ken Prebble for twenty years and now Glen Miller deserve our thanks for their dedication and skill in producing excellent playing surfaces for us to play on.

Our Club has been named NZ Bowling Club of the Year three times. People make top clubs and to maintain this standard we need new members each year. To this end Alan Bryce and Gordon Watson together with their band of volunteer helpers have mounted new membership drives each year.

I am very proud to have been made a Life Member of the Burnside Bowling Club. It is satisfying to see the continued developments being made by our Executive and membership and this gives me great confidence in the Club's future.

Don Bisman comes from a bowling family. Don's father J T (Tom) Bisman was President of the Christchurch Bowling Centre in 1953-54 and President of Bowls NZ 1965-66. He devised the Bisman draw which Bowls Canterbury used for decades. Don joined Burnside in 1976. He skipped John Reese and Alex Grainger to win the Club's 1991 Triples Championship and played second with Tony Lye, Geoff Clarke and Rod Maxwell to win the Fours in 1998. As above he repeated this result in 2007 in Des Fitzpatrick's Four (watch out for 2015 – there is a pattern here). Don was elected President for the 1991-92 season and was heavily involved in Project '91' and the lounge extension we enjoy today. He started Business House Bowls with Alan Bryce in 1993 and together they ran this for ten years. Stints on the tournament, match, youth bowls and secondary school bowls committees followed as well as acting as a selector for both interclub and Manning Cup teams. Burnside recognised his great contribution to the Club by honouring Don Bisman with Life Membership in 2006.

The Fifth Decade

National Pairs Champions

The highlight of the 2003-2004 season for the Club was the first ever combined Men's and Women's National Championships. This event was held over dozens of Canterbury greens with Burnside as the head quarters. With good weather and a great team of volunteers the



Mike Small and Kevin Gore
National Pairs Champions 2004

Nationals was a very successful experience. The icing on the cake for Burnside was provided by Kevin Gore and Mike Small who won the Pairs title on a memorable day in January, 2004.

World Bowls

Soon after, it was announced that Burnside had agreed to be headquarters for the 2008 World Bowls Championships – which would be another first in that the Men's and Women's World Championships would be combined at the same event. Ken Wilson-Pyne was appointed by the Board of the organising authority, Bowls Events NZ, as General Manager to manage the operational logistics of the international series of events that would culminate with the World Championships in 2008. Stewart Buttar had vacated his shop in the clubhouse foyer when he was appointed National Coach and in August 2004 this space was leased to Bowl Events NZ – Burnside had a new tenant. It was decided that the Orchard Green would be the stage for all eight of the World Championships finals and this green under the direction of Ken Prebble assisted by over thirty volunteers was planned in April 2004. This work provided a fantastic surface three years later.

Junior and Youth Success

2005 was a stellar year for our junior and younger members – Olivia Davids won the NZ Secondary Schools Girls' Singles title (for the second time), Selwyn Eathorne and Chris Macdonald won the Centre Colts Singles Champion of Champions and the Centre Junior Singles Champion of Champions titles respectively, while Peter Young skipped Richard Bruce, Peter Bartosh and Wing King to win Division One in the Centre Junior Fours Interclub competition.



Olivia Davids
NZ Secondary Schools Girls' Singles Champion
2004 and 2005

International Bowls and Burnside

The first of the international events that were to occupy Club members over the next four years was held at Fendalton in November 2005 – the World Bowls Singles Champion of Champions. This event was notable for many reasons but for our Club it was the provision of over 60 volunteers to help with the smooth running of the event. Burnside members officiated as umpires, markers and board flippers, provided transport as drivers and provided hospitality to overseas visitors. This level of support was repeated in the November 2006 tournament which returned to Fendalton. This time Arjan Van Hasselt's talents were better utilised with a great improvement in the results system being very evident.

About this time both the Australian and New Zealand squads were frequent visitors to Burnside for training camps in the lead up to World Bowls 2008. Ken Haworth as Club Manager was the contact for both squads as he juggled the task of ensuring all requirements were met for teams and Club members who enjoyed the opportunity to see top players in action and their training methods.

It was then Burnside's turn to be in the limelight as headquarters of the 2007 Asia Pacific Championship which, as a qualifying tournament for World Bowls 2008, attracted teams of 10 players from 17 countries.

Held in January 2007 and co-hosted with Fendalton, the experience gained from the World Singles championships paid off. Apart from variable weather, the tournament ran smoothly. Officials gained valuable experience, the greens and facilities were praised and appreciated by players and supporters alike, volunteers from Burnside and over 20 other clubs enjoyed themselves, NZ won three gold medals, two silver and one bronze from the eight disciplines, systems were tried (to be used again or discarded), Club funds benefitted while interest was raised in the local community which recognised the value of this bowling club in its midst.

Burnside hosted a series of test matches during 2007 between NZ (rebranded as the Black Jacks) and in turn Ireland, Scotland, South Africa and Malaysia. These teams were keen to experience our greens and conditions as well as trial their players before selecting their World Bowls teams. South Africa must have wondered about the wisdom of their October visit in cold, windy and very wet weather but made the most of their games and never lost their sense of humour. These test series were managed by Burnside's Vince Roper (Bowls NZ) together with Ken Wilson-Pyne (BENZ). In December 2007 the Trans-Tasman test series was held at Burnside – men's and women's teams in the elite, under 25 and under 18 categories. For the record Australia won the series but the NZ teams out performed their opponents on the last day to the extent that the Black Jacks went away very buoyed by their performance while some doubts would have entered the usually very confident minds of the Australians. This too was Burnside's final test before the World Bowls Championships in January 2008.

World Bowls Championships 2008

Lights, cameras, action! After three days of official practice – on Saturday, 12 January 2008, 240 players and 80 team officials representing 28 countries marched on to the Orchard Green to the sounds of the champion Woolston Brass Band to be welcomed by a Maori cultural group and Governor-General Sir Anand Satyanand. This ceremony was followed by a pigeon fly past, a march off and a dash to the venues for the first games. World Bowls 2008 was officially underway. Sixteen days later the same scenario was repeated this time with the NZ Army Band providing the music and World Bowls President,

Betty Collins from Australia, making the farewell speech. In between these two ceremonies 1,056 section games were played at Burnside, Fendalton and Bowls Papanui while 32 quarter finals, 16 semi-finals and 8 finals to decide eight world champions were fought out on the Burnside greens. For the record the Black Jacks won four gold medals – Men's Fours (including short-term member Andrew Todd), Men's Pairs, Women's Singles and the Women's Pairs (Burnside's Jo Edwards) – while Scotland, South Africa, Australia and Malaysia shared the other four. Those visits in 2007 did pay off. In addition NZ won the Leonard Trophy for the top men's team for the first time (Burnside's Andrew Todd, Dave Edwards and Graeme Rees all received gold medals for this success) while the women's team was narrowly headed off by Australia. Black Jacks Val Smith and Gary Lawson were awarded the prestigious Players of the Championships awards – in essence the best players in the world.



Burnside Selection v Scotland 2007 - "Friendly"
Kevin Gore, George Nicoll, Alistair Brown, Ken Haworth, Leo Crimmins,
Murray Hill & Ken Prebble



Grandstand Orchard Green – finals' venue
World Bowls 2008

The photos will tell their own story of flags, colour, grandstands, despair, joy, spectators and volunteers.

Nearly 400 volunteers contributed to the success of World Bowls 2008. 134 of these were members of Burnside. The Burnside Operations Committee chaired by Warwick Ainger played a leading role in the planning and the execution of those plans at Burnside, the headquarters venue. Committee members – Bill Fowlie, Arjan van Hasselt, Ken Haworth, Judy Gamblin, Philippa Johnston, Cushla McGillivray, John Reese, Vince Roper, John Ross and Mort Young – each recruited a team of volunteers to work on specific tasks such as results, parking, driving, flowers, greens' preparation, refreshments, ceremonies, bar duties, security, merchandising, gates and so on. Every convenor and their respective teams did a great job. Ken Wilson-Pyne was responsible for the overall



Opening Ceremony Asia Pacific Championship, January 2007



Kevin Gore playing the legendary
Willie Wood of Scotland 2007

management of the event with Bill Fowlie and Vince Roper as his Assistant Managers and Warwick Ainger as Financial Controller. Ken Prebble's labour of love on the greens resulted in huge bouquets of praise from all overseas players and officials. During the tournament Ken was ably assisted by Colin James and numerous volunteers early every morning preparing the greens for the unfolding dramas of each day.

Graham Lowery, Russell Cockroft, Nancy Field and Tony Bennett together with their teams contributed a significant amount of time and skill to this event. Avis Fitzpatrick and Pat Crombie crafted the beautiful tournament quilt which is a legacy for the club to treasure and now hangs in the upstairs lounge while Tim Lynch built the results kiosks and large wooden locker bays to his own high standards.



Avonhead Road frontage World Bowls 2008

Our International Umpires, Mort Young and Leo Crimmins, officiated throughout while Norm West (whose line scopes were used daily by the umpires) and Myra Diver acted as a green manager and a section manager respectively. Thirteen Burnside members were chosen as singles markers.

This tournament gave all involved a myriad of memories to treasure due to the cooperation and assistance of all three host clubs and 400 willing, smiling volunteers including the Burnside 134!

Bowls NZ and World Bowls have shown their appreciation in appointing the same three clubs as hosts of the 2016 World Bowls Championships, with Burnside as headquarters. Bill Fowlie has been appointed BENZ's Events' Manager for all international events leading up to World Bowls 2016 starting with the World Bowls Singles Champion of Champions event at Burnside in November 2013. Volunteers stand by for action!



Orchard Green, World Bowls 2008
Looking towards Burnside Park



Burnside Operations Committee
World Bowls 2008



Jo Edwards & Val Smith
World Pairs Champions 2008

The Earthquakes

4 September	2010	4.35am	7.1 magnitude
22 February	2011	12.51pm	6.3
13 June	2011	1.01pm	5.9
		2.20 pm	6.4
23 December	2011	2.20pm	5.8
		3.18pm	6.2

These major earthquakes and their accompanying aftershocks (totalling over 13,000 in the three years to October 2013) have had a traumatic and dramatic effect on Cantabrians and the Canterbury landscape. 185 people lost their lives in the February earthquake and hundreds of others were badly injured. Most damage was sustained in Central Christchurch, the eastern suburbs, the hill suburbs, along rivers and in wet lands. The city's infrastructure was badly damaged and in places decimated. The effects of the earthquakes will reverberate for several years to come.



Pauline Minehan with English Language College Students

The earthquakes affected everyone who experienced them. The noises, the shaking of ground and buildings, the fear of the unknown and the tension of when the next one would hit were inescapable. The homes and sections of virtually every member had some level of damage while the homes of the worst hit were destroyed and have had to be rebuilt. A number of the Club's members moved away from Christchurch to live in "safe places" such as Nelson, Blenheim and Central Otago.

The Club itself was only superficially damaged with minor cracks in the clubhouse and in the exterior block work. Unlike several other bowling clubs in Christchurch the Burnside greens were largely unscathed. The relative lack of damage can be put down to location and luck but mostly to the sound legacy left by the early members who built the Club so well. Ironically our dining room was built as a copy of the South Brighton Club's facility which has been abandoned and will be demolished. It was bizarre during aftershocks to see bowls and jacks moving on the green of their own accord, to see the ground rippling

and to hear and see the clubhouse windows rattling. One of the subsequent downsides of the earthquakes has been the escalation of insurance charges facing those in charge of the Club's finances and with regard to procuring insurance the Club led by John Switalla has coped well. This issue may see the demise of many less well managed clubs.

With the loss of so many of the city's meeting places and function centres, the Club's excellent facilities were in great demand as an in-service centre for teachers, surveyors, earthquake contractors and the like. Firms have hired the lounge for staff functions and used the greens for corporate bowls. After the February earthquake the dining room was transformed for a month into the Christchurch College of English Language with over 100 overseas students and their tutors safe in our facilities and enjoying lessons in English and occasionally bowls. The Gordon Scout and Cub groups' den in Burnside Park was also badly damaged and they have used the dining room three nights a week for the past two years. The bookings and all arrangements for use and the hire of the clubhouse have been managed by Ken Haworth while corporate bowls events have been organised by Gordon and Judith Watson assisted by many volunteers. One dubious upside is that the earthquakes provide opposing players with a common topic of conversation.

To the credit of all members, throughout all of this earthquake activity a full playing programme has been maintained.

And then there was.....

Ironically another of Nature's forces has caused considerable damage through the years – wind. Fences have been blown down in April 1968 (the Wahine Storm), August 1975 and September 2013 while the "new" fence around the Orchard Green was destroyed on Waitangi Day 2008. This latter blow proved to be a godsend in that the "new, new" fence is a much improved and, cross fingers, permanent design.



Damaged car park fence September 2013

Success in 2012 and 2013

Juniors and experienced teams did the Club proud in the 2012 and 2013 calendar years. Steve Hamilton's Four of Geoff Clarke, George Nicoll and Eric Jarvis defeated Gary Lawson's Belfast team in the 2012 Open Fours; the Mixed Ten's Team won the Centre title again while Barry Williams triumphed in the Centre Junior Singles.



Centre Fours Champions 2012
Eric Jarvis, George Nicoll, Steve Hamilton (skip)
and Geoff Clarke

Tayla Bruce chipped in with the Centre Kittyhawk U20 Singles Championship and keen to cover her walls with certificates Tayla repeated this feat in 2013 and added the Centre Junior Singles and Junior Singles Champion of Champions titles for good measure. In November 2013 she defeated a high class field to win the Centre Open Singles Championship – all this and not yet 19 years of age! Also in 2013 James Haseman won the Centre's Junior Singles and the Kittyhawk U20 Singles titles while Kirsten Rowe out drew the opposition to win the Centre First and Second Years Singles Champion of Champions title. Kirsten also featured with Kevin Rowe and Ryan Bonham in Chris Iggo's Four which deservedly held off all opposition to win the Centre's Junior Interclub Division 2 Fours final in December 2012.



Kirsten Rowe - Centre First & Second years
Singles Champion of Champions 2013

These results augur well for the future and the Club can look forward to further successes in the next 50 years. Hopefully the wall space in the Committee room will be inadequate to display all the certificates!

World Singles Champion of Champions 2013

The week 25 November to 1 December ushered in a new era of International Bowls at Burnside. The World Singles Champion of Champions 2013 event was the forerunner to the 2015 Asia Pacific Championship and several test series which will culminate in World Bowls 2016.

The Singles Championship was held in difficult conditions; drizzle, rain, heavy cloud, gusty winds and even a little sunshine on fast, manicured greens. Led by Bill Fowlie, Club President and Events' Manager for Bowls Events NZ, an organising committee, of Robert Clark, Mort Young, John Reese, Gordon Watson, Gaye and Barry Bunting, Graham Lowery and Brenda Turner, recruited teams of volunteers and allocated duties. Add in Arjan van Hasselt, Ken Reid and greenkeeper Glen Miller and a successful tournament was assured.

The greens' surrounds were resplendent with flags, grandstands, advertising signs and officials and volunteers in their blue and gold uniforms; the latter causing a little angst to staunch Cantabrians! Twenty eight countries were represented by 50 players (25 men and 25 women), all of whom had won their own nation's Singles title. After seven days of quality play, Karen Murphy (Australia) defeated the wind and Lorna Smith (Scotland) in the Women's final, while Thomas Bishop (England) prevailed over Alastair White (Scotland), in front of an appreciative crowd, to be crowned World Men's Singles Champion.

The greens, the volunteers, the organisation and the Club all received deserved plaudits from the players, Bowls NZ and World Bowls. Bring on the next showpiece – the 2015 Asia Pacific Championship!



Bill Fowlie (Events Manager),
Mort Young (Flipper Supremo) and Richard Bruce (Exec)
at the World Singles Championships

Scenes from the World Singles Championships



The view from Avonhead Road



Men's Final Winner, England's Tom Bishop on the mat with Scotland's Alastair White watching



Scoreboard flippers in Burnside tracksuits to the fore

OFFICIALS

BURNSIDE WOMEN'S BOWLING CLUB 1964-1998

Patrons

1964-74	Margaret Rattray	1974-94	Ina Gardiner	1994-98	Noney Morrison
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Life Members

1971	Margaret Rattray	1983	Thelma Kelly	1997	Vi McGarry
1997	Marjory Steele ★			★	present member

Presidents

1964-66	Helen Greenwood	1966-67	Lorna Storey	1967-69	Marjory Steele
1969-70	Barbara Stanbury	1970-71	Jessie Hindson	1971-74	Ina Gardiner
1974-75	Linda Smither	1975-77	Zoe Benseman	1977-78	Thirza Charles
1978-79	Sheen Moffatt	1979-80	June Irvine	1980-81	Marjory Steele
1981-82	Jean Davis	1982-83	Thelma Kelly	1983-85	Kathleen Hay
1985-86	Sheen Moffatt	1986-87	Marjory Waldron	1987-88	Dorothy Goldsmith
1988-89	Chris Ward	1989-90	Isabel Jones	1990-91	Daphne Jenkins
1991-92	Mavis Mercer	1992-93	Mavis Gordon	1993-94	Marie Methven
1994-95	Melva Rees	1995-96	Peggy Calder	1996-97	Ellen Lindley
1997-98	Heather Bragg	1998	Amalgamation		

Secretaries

1964	Joan Powers	1964-68	Thelma Kelly	1968-69	Joan Powers
1969-74	Marjory Steele	1974-75	Anthea Rose	1975-76	Glennis Tozer
1976-77	Thirza Charles	1977-82	Thelma Kelly	1982-84	Marjorie Thomas
1984-96	Peggy Drury ★★	1996-98	Peggy Calder	1998	Amalgamation

Treasurers

1964	Helen Greenwood	1964-65	Thelma Kelly	1965-66	Joyce Hogg
1966-69	P King	1969-86	Mavis Pyne ★★	1986-90	Kathleen Hay
1990-96	Elizabeth Ollivier	1996-97	Ellen Walker	1997-98	Joan Kelliher
1998-99	Allan Gainsford	1998	Amalgamation		

OFFICIALS

BURNSIDE BOWLING CLUB (Inc) ESTABLISHED IN 1963

Patrons

1964-67	R C Harrow	1968-85	Lewis Davie	1985-98	Dr Geoff Orchard
1998	Amalgamation				
1998-03	Dr Geoff Orchard	1998-12	Noney Morrison	2005-	Mayor of Christchurch

Life Members

1965	Lewis Davie	1967	Walter Laing	1969	Geoff Orchard
1971	Ossie Gray	1976	Pat Hirst	1978	Wally Chatterton
1980	Les Pope	1986	Tom Brady	1988	Ken Shivas
1988	Peter Gifford	1991	Hugh Thompson	1991	Henry Cross
1994	Jack Forbes	2002	Dal Stott	2006	Don Bisman ★
2008	Ken Haworth ★	2009	Mort Young ★	2012	Norman West ★

★ present member

Presidents

1963-66	Walter Laing	1966-67	Geoff Orchard	1967-68	Lewis Davie
1968-69	Jack Cameron	1969-70	Ossie Gray	1970-71	Andy Wilson
1971-72	Pat Hirst	1972-73	Cyril Crawford	1973-74	Les Pope
1974-76	John Webb	1976-77	Hugh Thompson	1977-78	Ernie Watt
1978-79	Ken Doell	1979-80	Peter Gifford	1980-81	Jack Irvine
1981-82	Jack Forbes	1982-83	Rex Jones	1983-84	Don Campbell
1984-85	Stan McGarry	1985-86	Peter Kinley	1986-87	Frank England
1987-88	Ralph Simpson	1988-90	John Shaw	1990-91	Elwyn Hay
1991-92	Don Bisman	1992-93	Henry Vannoort	1993-94	Ray Davey
1994-95	Henry Vannoort	1995-96	George Watson	1996-97	Dale Clifford
1997-98	Michael Kirkpatrick	1998	Amalgamation		
1998-00	Ken Judd	2000-01	Judy Gamblin	2001-03	Michael Small
2003-05	John Reese	2005-06	Ken Judd	2006-08	Warwick Ainger
2008-10	John Reese	2010-12	Neil Cornelius	2012-	Bill Fowlie

Secretaries

1963-64	Lewis Davie	1964-66	Don Hindson	1966-68	Cyril Crawford
1968-72	Ken Pope	1972-73	Chris Rollo	1973-76	Alan Bryce
1976-79	Henry Vannoort	1979-80	Bill Cosgriff (Snr)	1980-85	John Turner
1985-86	Ken Doell	1986-87	Arthur Stone	1987-89	Vaughan Roughan
1989-94	Alex Wilson	1994-98	Ken Haworth	1998	Amalgamation
1998-04	Ken Haworth ★★	2004-05	Bill Fowlie	2005-07	Graeme Rees
2007-09	Matt Barber	2009-11	Neil Maloney	2011-	Brenda Turner

Treasurers

1963-64	Lewis Davie	1964	Don Hindson	1964-66	Jack Cameron
1966-67	C L Wetherell	1967-72	Ivan Skipworth	1972-74	Ralph Townsend
1974-76	S J Turnbull	1976-78	J M Richardson	1978	Graham Champion
1978-81	Allan Gainsford	1981-82	Denys Manhire	1982-86	Alan Bryce
1986-87	Robert Duns	1987-91	Ray Davey	1991-95	Bill Andrews
1995-96	John Conder	1996-99	Rod Hill	1998	Amalgamation
1999-03	John Carline	2003-05	Rod Hill	2005-07	Margaret Gray
2007-	Nancy Field				

Top Three 2013
Nancy Field (Treasurer)
Bill Fowlie (President)
Brenda Turner (Secretary)



Club Captains

The role of club captain was established in 1990. As the club grew in size it had become apparent that a liaison type role would be helpful in the management of the organisation. This need was raised at the 1989 AGM and the 1990-91 Executive appointed Don Williamson to be the first Club Captain of the Burnside Bowling Club. This turned out to be an inspired choice as Don set the standard for future holders of the role and he set the bar very high. Basically the club captain's role was to liaise between the members and the Executive, liaise between the members and the selectors, oversee the playing opportunities for members and, most importantly, maintain and enhance club spirit.



Don Williamson (Club Captain) rolls the first jack for 1990-91
Watched by Elwyn Hay (President)

Don Williamson served three seasons 1990-93 and was followed by Dale Clifford 1993-95 and Geoff Ramshaw 1995-98. Up to this time the Women's Club did not have a club captain. With amalgamation in 1998 what was good enough for the gander was seen as being good enough for the goose and each year since the Executive has appointed both Women's and Men's Club Captains.



Club Captains Rhonda Reid and
Trevor Paterson raise the flag 2013

1998	Jan Harmon and Dale Clifford
1999	Heather Bragg and Mort Young
2000	Heather Bragg and Mort Young
2001	Jan Harmon and Mort Young
2002	Jan Harmon and Mort Young
2003	Gaye Paterson and Mort Young
2004	Gaye Paterson and Alec Weir
2005	Philippa Johnston and Mort Young
2006	Philippa Johnston and John Ross
2007	Philippa Johnston and John Ross
2008	Philippa Johnston and Tim Lynch
2009	Judy Gamblin and Tim Lynch
2010	Estelle Jarvis and Trevor Paterson
2011	Philippa Johnston and Trevor Paterson
2012	Judith Watson and Tim Lynch
2013	Rhonda Reid and Trevor Paterson

Philippa Johnston Club Captain 2005-08, 2011

Ten years ago I joined Burnside Bowling Club, without ever having held a bowl in my hand before. It has led to a journey of learning and friendship. I became Ladies' Club Captain in my second year and with the help of the dedicated conveners of sub-committees, this was a very enjoyable two years for me. I then did a fill-in year until the newer members had more experience. They do a great job I might add. I am also the Ladies Social Convener and over the years we have had some wonderful functions, such as "Black & White Night", "In the Pink", Christmas Functions and Trophy Dinners. With the help of a great band of ladies these functions have always been a success. With the amalgamation of men and women I think we have an excellent camaraderie and enjoy helping each other with functions and tournaments.

I look forward to my next 10 years with the Burnside Bowling Club.



Fotos by Arjan

Mort Young on the way to organise yet another Club event

Mort Young – Club Captain 1999-2006 and Life Member

In 1999, having spent four summers in Arrowtown, Pauline and I returned to Christchurch and Burnside where I was ‘encouraged’ by Dave Johnston and Bob Gamblin to stand for Men’s Club Captain.

Having no idea of the responsibilities involved I agreed. My six seasons as Men’s Club Captain were both enjoyable and extremely rewarding. Club members were always supportive and encouraging, which ensured a great deal of positive progress was made over the period. Some of the highlights include the establishment of the monthly half day 2x4x2 Gala Pairs and Medley Fours tournaments while the Saturday mixed Festival Bowls and the mid-week mixed Carnival Bowls afternoon tournaments were started up. In addition the Mixed Pairs Championship was re-established and the Club Mixed Tens team entered the Centre competition with success.

The present Burnside track suits and shirts were designed and every Club member received a track suit sponsored by Pub Charity while a much improved sound system was set up to cover the whole Club.

During this period I was fortunate to qualify as an International Bowls Umpire resulting in my involvement in four World Bowls international events. I marked the Men’s Final at the World Singles Champion of Champions in both 2005 and 2006 held at Fendalton. The Asia Pacific Championship 2007 and the World Championships 2008 followed where I umpired as well as marked singles games.

Involvement in these events gave me a lot of personal satisfaction, but exceeding this by far is the pleasure I have gained from working with all members of the Burnside Bowling Club over the years.

Mort’s background in the rag trade and his relationships with funders were vital in the development and delivery of the Club’s tracksuit and club shirts. As one of the few to understand the intricacies of the sound system Mort, as its instigator, has obtained consultancy status in its use. In 1992 Mort took over the Club’s newsletter which has now morphed into 80+ Hot Lines each season.

At World Bowls 2008, in addition to officiating, he assisted Nancy Field, with the successful merchandising operation at the event.

The above just scratches the surface of Mort’s outstanding contribution to the Club which was officially recognised in 2009 when he was honoured with Life Membership.

Administrators – National and Centre Bowls NZ

Cushla McGillivray	Board Member 2008- Chair 2011-
Murray Hill	Councillor 1999-2004

Bowls Events NZ

Cushla McGillivray	Director 2004-08, 2011-
Judy Gamblin	Director 2004-08
Ken Wilson-Pyne	General Manager 2004-08
Bill Fowlie	Director 2011- Events’ Manager 2012-

Commonwealth Games New Delhi 2010

Bill Fowlie	Events’ Manager 2009-10
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Bowls Canterbury

Peter Rose	President 1980-81
Murray Hill	President 2000-01
Noel McGregor	President 2002-04

Isaac Denny and Myra Diver celebrate “In the Pink” night



BOWLS, BOWLS, BOWLS

Silver Star Winners or Equivalent

5 or more Club Open Titles

(★ 10+ titles ★★ 20+titles ★★★ 30+ titles)

Women

Merle Brady
Jean Davis
Edna Graham
Irene Greenall
Joan Kuchen
Mavis Lancaster ★
Noney Morrison ★
Vi McGarry
Pat Shivas
Marjory Steele ★★★
Lorna Storey
Elsie Protheroe
Yvonne Howman ★
Marjory Waldron
Joy Scanes
Sharon Kitching
Pam Clark ★
Betty Mitchell
Pat Seear
Dawn Dawson
Kath Curtain
Heather Bragg
Jan Harmon
Margaret Gray
Stella Trower
Chris Molloy
Estelle Jarvis
Lorraine Davis ★
Lyn Haworth
Tayla Bruce

Men

Tom Brady ★
Ken Shivas ★
Bill Morrison
Ray Marks
C M Adams
Eric Bell ★
Peter Rose ★★
Lyn Hanger ★★
Stewart Buttar ★★
Ernie Watt
Robin Howman
Alex Grainger ★
Alan Stuart
Ken Prebble ★
Peter Remi ★
Bill Cosgriff (Snr)
Alex Paterson
Mike Small ★
Geoff Harris
Bruce McNish ★
Graeme Rees
Noel Millar
Tony Lye
Len Seear
Geoff Clarke
Pat Bonham
Graham Champion
Kevin Gore ★
George Nicoll
Eric Jarvis



Lyn Hanger - 22 Club Open Titles
Winner Centre Singles 1979



Peter Rose - 22 Club Open Titles

Club Championships

Club Championship games have always occupied a great deal of time and interest throughout the season. The names of the winners of these championships can found on the Honours' Boards in the dining room and on the Club's website under Awards.

Men's and Women's Singles, Pairs and Fours all date back to the 1964-65 season. Triples started later – Men 1974-75 and Women 1976-77. Because there were so many new members at the beginning of both Clubs, the Colts Singles (1st & 2nd Year) dates back to 1964-65 as does the then Women's Junior title (1st & 2nd Year). The Men's Junior (under 5 Years play) started in 1984-85 with the Women following suit in 1988-89. The Mixed Pairs Championship dates from 1994-95.

The 2013-14 winners of those championships first held in 1964-65 will be the fiftieth title holders.



Something Unique - Mother and daughter skipping opposing teams in a Club Championship Final 2004

From middle right, Mum, Mavis Lancaster (Skip), Billie Millar and Jill Kirkpatrick won from middle left, Valmai Hantz (daughter), Judy Gamblin and Jessica Webber 22-17

Marjory Steele – Champion Player and Life Member

Marjory Steele has been the most prolific winner of Club Championships in the history of the Club. Peter Rose, Lyn Hanger and Stewart Buttar each have 22 Club Open titles but Marjory has 34 Open titles – 14 Singles between 1966 and 1991, 7 Pairs (1965 – 1994), 6 Triples (1979 – 1996) and 7 Fours (1970 – 1999). She always skipped and was a regular selection for the Christchurch Women's Bowling Centre against South Canterbury and Marlborough while in 1985 she represented the Centre in the Women's Inter zone Finals in Motueka. The 1990 Champion of Champions Singles was her first Centre title followed in 1991 by the Open Triples with Joy Scanes and Vi McGarry.

Marjory was President of the Burnside Women's Bowling Club 1967-69, Secretary 1969-74 and President again 1989-90. In addition she was prominent in coaching and umpiring. Marjory Steele was formidable both on and off the greens. At one memorable AGM she chastised Ken Prebble for allocating the women the Orchard green rather than "out the front". At the next AGM she admonished Ken for putting the women "out the front" in the wind rather than on the sheltered back green. Marjory lives today in Wellington. In 1997 Marjory was honoured with Life Membership for her huge contribution and commitment to the Burnside Women's Bowling Club.



Marjory Steele, 34 Club Titles
Seen here at the Club's 40th Anniversary 2003

Fifty Match Committees in each of the Men's and Women's Clubs have processed entries, drawn up charts, managed game times and chased up late games. At times they have experimented with butterfly draws, two-life draws, qualifying tournaments and post section play. They have dealt with weather, sickness, arguments, race meetings, work clashes and time constraints to find winners for Champion of Champions events. Peter Doell is the present Convenor of the Men's Match Committee with Colin James and Chris Iggo while Margaret Gray, Judy Davidson and Rhonda Reid oversee the Women's events. Many thanks are due to 50 years of Match Committee convenors and members.

Interclub

Interclub has offered competitive bowls to members over the past 50 years. Successes are recorded in the Achievements section and most competitions have been administered by the respective Centres. Men's interclub has fluctuated between three fours (1964-74, 1976-1989, 2003-present) and four fours (1975, 1989-2002) played on Saturdays before Christmas – in early years in the afternoon and from the 1980s in the morning.

Saturday Men's
Interclub 2013



Interclub 2013 Junior and Senior Fours

In the second half of the season until the mid-1990s, the only Saturday interclub competition available was the Manning Cup which was played in the afternoon.

This was a prestigious tournament with results depending on percentages of wins over losses. With so many teams entered (over 20 fours) Burnside was never expected to win the pennant but did so in 1991, 1992 and 1993 thanks to all players making themselves available for selection. To fill the morning gap Burnside joined seven other local clubs in the 1990s in the North West Clubs' competition. This involved a team of four fours with a junior player in each four. Burnside was a frequent winner of this event. The Centre then started the Tens competition (two pairs and two triples) in the morning and the North West Clubs' event continued alongside until the sponsor withdrew.



Women's Fives 2013



Women's Fours Final 2013

Kay Wallace (on mat), Rosemary Harper, Estelle Jarvis, Philippa Johnston, Margaret Gray and Nancy Field watch anxiously. Kevin Rowe watches on with interest.

The Manning Cup became less significant until today it is a popular mixed fours interclub competition but with fewer teams. The Tens were replaced in 2013 by Eights (two pairs and a four), and the elite Sevens competition has also been a moveable event for many years between the first and second halves of the season.

Women's interclub was traditionally held mid-week and the Rowntree Cup and Senior Fives continue this pattern. With more working women now playing bowls change had to come, and now a two fours competition is held before Christmas, and sevens and eights interclub competitions (mirroring the men's events) are run in the second half of the season on Saturday afternoon.

The highly competitive three divisions of junior fours, now mixed, are played on Saturday mornings before Christmas. Add in the Mixed Tens on Thursday nights before Christmas, and the Watson Shield (men's tens) together with the Junior Pairs (can be mixed) on Tuesday nights after Christmas, and there are plenty of opportunities for competitive bowls.

A group of local clubs play in a pairs' competition on Tuesday mornings (Casino Pairs) and the mid-week Friendlies interclub fours is played throughout the season on Tuesday afternoons.

A welcome addition to the competitive calendar since 2009 has been the Little Brown Jug tournament sponsored by Burnside member, Peter Kearney of the Little Brown Jug Tavern. This men's team event is played between eight fours from each of Bowls Papanui, Elmwood, the Papanui Club and Burnside over two Saturdays in March. Each club plays the others in round robin competition until the fourth round determines the final placings.

Every event mentioned requires selectors to make decisions about who is playing why, when and where. It is human nature that everyone has an opinion about selections but very few want to actually do the selecting. For fifty years selectors have done a grand job. The current selectors are Ross Bell, Murray Hill and Ken Judd (Men); Pam Clark, Jan Harmon and Yvonne Howman (Women); Michael Haseman (Juniors); and John Ross (Manning Cup).

Mid-Week Bowls

Mid-week bowls encompasses interclub friendlies, roll ups (both Men's and Women's club days), mid-week championships, Carnival Bowls and tournaments. Since 1988 when women joined the Monday men's roll up for the first time, Peter Carter, Ralph Simpson, Tom Wallace, Ken Balch and John Ross among many others have been to the forefront in organising various forms of mid-week bowls. Mixed half day tournaments were held to the benefit of charities such as the Cancer Society and the Heart Foundation.



Fashionable hats for the Melbourne Cup Triples, Club Captain Rhonda Reid and Treasurer Nancy Field

Roll up numbers have fallen in the last decade as the number of half-day tournaments has increased around the clubs. It is now possible to play tournament bowls on every day of the week! Mort Young, together with Doug Youl, was instrumental in 2000-2001 in adding the monthly Gala Pairs and the Medley Fours to the existing Triples to form the half-day tournament series we have today. These tournaments are now open and mixed. Mort, Doug, Don Bisman, Maurice Sealby, Geoff Clarke, Terry Paterson and Bruce Wallace have been or are present convenors of these events while helpers have included Ken Balch, Leicester Withers, Jim Walker, Ken Reid and Norm West.

The Women's Section runs two successful open tournaments each year – a 2x4x2 pairs event and a triples event. These often follow a theme e.g. Melbourne Cup hats; everyone pitches in with catering and raffles, and a good time is had by all.

Carnival Bowls, introduced in 2003, is run each month by John Ross and is open to players from any club wanting a friendly yet competitive tournament-format event.

Mid-Week Championships

The Thiele Trophy Fours was first played for in 1967-68 and was followed by the Hussey Trophy Pairs in 1967-68, the Finlayson Trophy Singles in 1969-70 and the Scarlett Trophy Triples in 1972-73. The point of difference in these events is that teams are drawn. This makes for even competition and winners are rewarded by having their success recorded for history on the Club's Honours Boards.



Nick Buttar, National Open Fours Champion 2008

Youth Bowls

Youth Bowls incorporates secondary schools, Kiwi Bowls, Kittyhawk U20 and U26 Competitions. Burnside's Kerrie Bruce was Convenor of Bowls Canterbury's Youth Bowls Committee 2010-12. Stu Buttar and Vince Roper in their respective roles with Bowls Canterbury and Bowls NZ played major roles in the development of Youth Bowls in Canterbury.

Bowls Awareness with Burnside High School in 1992 started a long association with Burnside High School and secondary school bowls. The early organisers were Don Bisman, Mike Kirkpatrick, Len Seear and Alec Weir. Mike Kirkpatrick took the lead for over a decade after which Des Fitzpatrick, Cushla McGillivray and Myra Diver with help from several volunteers offered coaching and management of interschool competitions. Judy Davidson with Club helpers now oversees Wednesday secondary school bowls to a growing number of Burnside High School players.

Kiwi-bowls for primary and intermediate age pupils started in 2008. Class groups were bussed to Burnside by the Centre where Estelle Jarvis with Club helpers coached the basics of the game in a fun way. Up to four groups a day enjoyed hour-long sessions.



Eric Jarvis (L) and Des Fitzpatrick
with Villa Maria and Burnside Students

Burnside has introduced a long and talented list of youngsters to the game including youth internationals Olivia Davids, Isaac Denny and Tayla Bruce; Canterbury representatives Billy Cosgriff, Luke Rhind, Raniera Tini, Chris Macdonald, Tim White, Selwyn Eathorne, Laura Newton, James Haseman and Joshua Thompson as well as a National Open Fours Champion in Nick Buttar.

In 2013 Burnside took over the National U26 tournament now called the Burnside Under 26 Invitation Singles. This event was successfully organised by Kerrie Bruce and attracted 32 top young players from around NZ while the winner was an Australian youth representative.

Non-Championship Events

For several decades non-championship events have been run on about half of the available Saturday afternoons. These events include the Opening Day Trophy; the President's Trophy and Charity Day which typically raises \$600 - \$1,000 for the charity chosen by the President of the day; the Hayman, Orchard and Jack Forbes Trophies; Super Saturday which attracted a first up field in 2008 of 106; and 'friendly' interclub fixtures with, Elmwood (Elmburn Shield first played for in 1968), Fendalton (Fenburn Duster 1968) and Bowls Hornby (Hornburn Trophy 1984). Initially these three events were men only but now they are competed for by mixed teams. The Good



Good shot v Elmwood
Graham Lowery and
Edna Miller



Fours Tournament 40th Anniversary 2003

Neighbours Cup (1978), played for against Bowls Papanui and for men only, is now incorporated in the Little Brown Jug competition. The first 'friendly' was against the now closed Riccarton Club in 1964. The Women's section plays the Riccarton Racecourse Club each year for the Margaret Rattray Shield.

Festival Bowls was introduced in 2004 by Mort Young. The format is the ultimate in mixing club members with each individual playing with or against 17 others in an afternoon. The above are mixed half-day events which, apart from the 'friendly' fixtures, have followed the custom of mufti clothing rather than the former mandatory whites after Bowls NZ promoted a relaxation of the dress code in 2008.

The Men's Handicap Singles and Pairs also fall into this event category. The number of entries has fallen in recent years in comparison to the 75 entries in the Singles in 1992 and the 48 drawn pairs entered in 1988.

From 1988 to 2003 Don Bisman, Len Seear and Alec Weir convened the organising committee which since 2003 has included Mort Young, Jim Walker, Tim Lynch, Tony Dell, Stu Park, Cliff Johns and Ken Wilson-Pyne.

Indoor Bowls Club

The completion of the pavilion hall (today's dining room) in 1965 and the laying of felt strips meant that the Club was functional all year round and indoor bowls in winter had an enthusiastic following. Initially two afternoons a week for the Women's Club and three nights a week for men's fours were allocated. In addition men's Interclub on Friday nights and mixed Interclub on Sunday afternoons were played. These sessions were full but change was in the air in the form of television. 'Have a Shot' (1960s NZ's Got Talent), 'Z Cars' (The Bill), 'The Avengers' (nothing today matches Emma Peel and John Steed)

and 'Peyton Place' (the American version of Coronation Street) in black and white in the sixties and colour in the seventies had a greater lure than a cold evening of bowls. Day bowls took off. The men played three afternoons a week and the women the other two. Two men's morning sessions were timetabled and a mixed session was held on Saturday afternoon – no SKY Sport in those days.

Championships were held from 1965 but were discontinued by the women in 1979 and the men in 1980. These titles were sought after with most of the names on the Indoor Championship

Boards also appearing on the Outdoors Honours Boards. Life Member Don Bisman for example was in the winning four in both 1979 and 1980.

In the past 25 years the Indoor Club has continued to be a popular magnet to members as a place to spend a pleasant afternoon on a wintry day. Convenors include Colin Andrews 1987-89, George Watson 1990-94, Les Glass 1995-96, Peter Mahan 1997-2002, Rob Devereux 2002-3, Ken Balch and from 2004 to the present Rolly Crack. A feature of recent years has been the Indoor Club matches against selected Outdoor Club members with the former being more successful. Terry Paterson's pairs' tournaments using the three indoor rinks and the pool table as the fourth rink have also been popular Sunday afternoon events.

The Indoor Club has added a great deal to the Club over the past 50 years in terms of camaraderie, use of the facilities in the off season, contribution to the Club's funds, training for short ends in summer and in creating a culture of enjoyment.



Charity Tournament players on Davie Green

Casual and Social Bowls

Business House Bowls (BHB) was introduced in 1992 by Don Bisman and Alan Bryce. Their aim was to attract new members and to give the public the opportunity to “Have a Go”. They offered plenty of sponsored prizes while a finger food supper was covered by the entry fee. For several years over 30 teams of four (including up to two bowlers) competed in good-fun nights. Warning lights flashed in 2002 when entries started to drop off and a new format was tried for a few years.

In 2008 Bowls NZ, in recognition of the significance of casual bowls, sponsored and promoted a new but similar format in Mates in Bowls using the slogan “Can You Handle the Jandal?” Each year Alan Bryce and his orange clad helpers, including Don Bisman, have attracted more than 40 social bowlers of all ages in a five night series of coaching, play and social get together. BHB and MIB have raised the profile of the Club in the local community as well as contributing to our funds. They have also added some new names to the membership lists.



MIB Helpers
Tim Lynch,
Jim Walker and
Jack Trengrove



MIB welcome from Alan Bryce and Rhonda Reid

Increasingly in recent years and especially since the earthquakes social clubs of local firms and in some cases management are hiring the Club's facilities for staff social functions and bonding exercises. The Club provides bowls, some coaching and organisation if required, use of the lounge and bar and a jolly good time. Gordon and Judith Watson with a number of helpers, and bookings through Ken Haworth ensure that things run smoothly and consequently repeat bookings are frequent. Add in stag afternoons, hen parties, birthday and anniversary functions and the greens are well used. Corporate, casual and social bowls provide a lucrative addition to Club funds.



Festival Bowls. Mort Young and results bucket with Elizabeth Schumacher, Kirsten Rowe, Rosemary Harper and Pat Seear

SPECIAL BURNSIDE EVENTS

Burnside Invitation Pairs

This tournament has become one of 'the' events on the NZ bowling calendar. Players are nominated by the New Zealand and Australian selectors as well as by provincial centres from around the country. The Pairs event gives young players experience playing elite bowlers while allowing selectors to gauge the form of their top players. As the event occurs soon after the National Championships each year, convenors have always been able to attract several current national champions to take part. In-form Burnside players have been rewarded by selection and have performed creditably over the years.

Held over 3 days the 2x2x2x2 bowl format is very popular with players. Traditionally the tournament starts on the Thursday evening with a "pro-am" tournament designed to thank the large number of volunteers from the Club, welcome the players and officially open the event.



What a lucky girl! Jo Edwards with happy team mates Lou Dent and Merv Rodgers at a "Pro-Am"

The Pairs had their beginning in 1989 when the Riccarton, Beckenham and Burnside Clubs held the Beefeater Gin Invitation Pairs. From there the Burnside Invitation Pairs was held in 1995 and then was named after a series of sponsors—Seagers Gin, Rutherford Rede, UDC Finance, Dorchester Finance and the Southland Building Society (SBS). The early convenor was Bill Devine who was followed for five years by the very inventive Allan Nimmo who introduced women's teams, computer technology and a calcutta to the tournament. Stewart Buttar (2000-2002) and Kevin Harmon (2003-2005), both ran the event efficiently and successfully. In 2000 the Arjan van Hasselt designed, and Jade Corporation developed Autobowl Programme was used for the first time in the Burnside Invitation Pairs. This programme created



Mike Small, consistent performer in the Burnside Pairs

draws and delivered results in minutes. It has been further refined and is now used in tournaments around the world including World Bowls events.



Geoff Clarke, Convenor
Burnside Pairs 2006-present

Since 2006, Geoff Clarke has been a very effective and innovative convenor. Each convenor and their respective organising committees have learnt from and built on the success of previous years to ensure the event's stature is enhanced.

In 2007 the tournament was renamed the Stewart Buttar Burnside Invitation Pairs in honour of Stewart Buttar. The winners' trophy, Stewart's shirt from World Bowls 2004 signed by the NZ team he coached, was framed and remains in place above the bar in the lounge.



Lorna Buttar with 2012 winners Ross Bell and Peter Hodson

Winners include many of Australasia's most famous players – Rowan Brassey, Danny O'Connor; Steve Glasson and Kelvin Kerkow (Australia); Jim Scott, Paul Girdler (3 times), Russell Meyer, Andrew Curtain, Gary Lawson; Mark Jacobsen and Brett Duprez (Australia); Maurice Symes, Andrew Todd, Sean Scott and Mike Kenaghan. Two Burnside players have won this iconic tournament – Isaac Denny partnered Ken Walker (Dunedin) in 2007 and Ross Bell with Pete Hodson (Nelson) in 2012.

With its present prize money of \$10,000 and its history of excellent management, this tournament should still be going strong in 2038!

The Demise of the Sunday All-day Tournament

In the 1970s and 1980s bowlers had a wide choice of weekend tournaments to play in. On many Christchurch Sundays as many as twenty all-day open tournaments were offered and most were full. Burnside could fill its three greens with 48 teams of four players – 192 participants. One problem facing tournament committees was that there was no pattern of tournaments and sometimes

neighbouring clubs competed with each other for players. With the change of working patterns, weekend shopping, competition for players, the increase in Centre events and the growing preference for a shorter period away from home, entries dropped and tournaments had to change. This need resulted in clubs timetabling their tournaments to avoid clashes, mid-week half-day tournaments gaining popularity, the rise of mixed tournaments and the reduction in the number of all-day and multi-day weekend tournaments.

Burnside's response was to move to half-day tournaments, allowing mixed teams and to hold just two all-day events – the Nor'West Burnside Sixes and the Burnside Fives.

Nor'West Burnside Sixes

The Nor'West Burnside Sixes had its origins as a three day prestigious fours tournament in the 1970s called the Nor'West Burnside Fours. Held over Easter, 42 Fours played section play for two days before being split into three separate tournaments for the final day – the top 8, the next 16 and the bottom 16. The tournament was sponsored by Peter Morrison and the Russley Hotel whose kitchens each day provided 160-170 lunches which were then sold cheaply to the players by the tournament committee. The open draw took place each year on the Thursday night before Easter, in the lounge, in front of all the teams. In 1991 entries fell to 28 fours and to revitalise the tournament the then Tournament Committee convenor, Doug Youl, suggested that the



Sometimes it rains at the wrong time



Even the organisers deserve a break. Ken Judd, Arjan van Hasselt and Mort Young at lunch – Fives 2006

format be changed from 42 teams of four players to 24 teams of six; still a 3-day event with each player playing 9 games in total of pairs, triples and fours. In 1992, 24 teams of six enjoyed the new format in excellent conditions. In 1993 because of a clash with the National Super Sevens Finals two Burnside greens were not available for the first two days of Easter. Fendalton offered the use of their greens and the tournament was split between Fendalton's two greens and Burnside's one with accompanying logistical problems. Easter was again booked by Bowls NZ in 1995. The only solution was to play over a weekend either before or after Easter but would players accept this change to two days? Well in fact they preferred it! Full entries of 24 teams of six throughout the 1990s meant that waiting lists were common. Doug's idea of fours, triples and pairs was a hit and the present format of every player playing two games of fours, one game of pairs and one game of triples each day was introduced. Like all tournaments, entries have fluctuated with the lowest being 18 sixes but 24 has been the norm throughout and certainly in recent years. Recent sponsorship from Fresh Choice, Virgin Australia and Beachside Mooloolaba Apartments has attracted visiting sides and the introduction of mixed teams has eased the problem of finding a player. A recent innovation has seen the Sunday designated as tropical shirt day. This tournament has been a fixture on the Club's calendar for over 30 years. Its popularity, the class of the field and the interesting format mean that it should remain for the next 30 years at least.

Burnside Fives Tournament

As a result of the success of the Sixes, it was suggested in 1998 that a tournament based on teams of five players be held earlier in the year. First run in 1999 with 20 teams this event is now held on a December Sunday each year with a field of 24 teams. Pairs and triples are played in the morning followed by fours and singles in the afternoon. In 2000 the event changed from manual to computerised organisation. This proved to be so efficient that with Arjan van Hasselt's input the Sixes followed suit and became fully computerised in 2001. Mixed teams were introduced in 2008. Leicester Withers was the first convenor of the Fives with Bill Fowlie succeeding Leicester in 2004.

These two popular tournaments have been managed in recent years by Bill Fowlie (Convenor), Leicester Withers, Arjan van Hasselt, Ken Judd and Ken Reid, assisted by many volunteers.



Is that a long or a medium?
– Hayman Trophy
Graham Lowery and
Maurice Sealby

Hayman Trophy

First played for in 1965 the Hayman Trophy is won by arguably the best draw player in the Club on competition day. The event is run over either 18 or 21 ends to placed medium, short and long jacks in succession. Each competitor plays four bowls to each jack and scores three points for drawing within one foot of the jack, two points within two feet and one point within a yard. Scores over 100 are not uncommon but the weather and green conditions do affect the totals. Regardless, if the weather is wet, cold, sunny, calm or windy and the greens fast or slow, it's the same for everybody.

The winners' names engraved on this trophy are a who's who through time of Burnside's top leads and draw players. Early on Ernie Watt and Rex Jones were prominent as was a youthful Alan Bryce who won in successive years in the late 1970s. Don Bisman, Graham Champion, Len Seear, Stewart Buttar, Graeme Rees, Ian McNish, Russell Cockroft and Graham Lowery were all successful in their early playing days. Rod Maxwell proved his excellence as a draw player with a series of wins with scores over 100. In recent times Ken Haworth, Des Fitzpatrick, Eric Jarvis, Geoff Clarke and the prince of draw players Alex Grainger have all triumphed over the rest of the field.

Since amalgamation two women have won this event – Stella Trower in 2006 and Jo Edwards in 2008. Jo's win was quite dramatic. In an 18 end competition, Alex Grainger and perennial runner up Mike Sykes had finished with 81 and 82 respectively. Jo had one end to play to a long jack and her score was 72. The first bowl nestled 3 inches behind the jack – 3 points: her second was six inches short and to the left of the jack – 3 points: her next bowl gently touched the short bowl and rested 15 inches from the jack – 2 points: dilemma! Needing three points, Jo changed her hand and to the applause of her playing group, Peter Doell, Russell Cockroft and Ken Reid, drew perfectly to the jack – 3 points: total 11/12 on the end – 83 in all, winner of the Hayman Trophy and a true champion.

State of Origin Trophy

This event began in the 1989-90 season and is contested annually between those born South of the Waitaki and those North of the river – a true State of Origin match. The first match was won by the North with eight fours in each team having been named by nervous selectors. The 1989 match set the pattern for the future – fierce but outwardly good-natured rivalry and banter, parochial coloured clothing, a couple of Speights and the raucous presentation of the old bowl fixed to a block of wood to the victor's captain. Preceded by parades, posturing and bagpipes the mascots take pride of place. The fact that the trophy is engraved each year points to the almost serious nature of this event. Sadly for the North their name appears but seven times compared to the well-prepared and arguably better dressed South's eleven. Early instigators of the contest included Stu Buttar, Noel Millar and Neil Howman with their legacy being continued today by the likes of Trevor Paterson, Ross Bell, Ken Judd, Murray Harper and Barry Bunting.

In April 1992 the inaugural Ladies North v South match was played as triples. Again team selection used the Waitaki River as the boundary for team selection. Players dressed in their team colours and the North just scraped a handsome win. Although now played annually for a rosette, records are not kept but it is rumoured that the North have slight bragging rights. The contest is usually accompanied by a BBQ and a few wines. This is a social occasion enjoyed by all.

Events such as these add to the culture and fabric of the Club – long may they continue.



Ken Reid, Russell Cockroft and Peter Doell get in the picture with Hayman Trophy winner Jo Edwards 2008



Alex Grainger in action



State of Origin Mascots inspiring their teams. Each with one hand on the trophy

Photos from the State of Origin 1993



State of Origin 1993
The South - winners



Neil Cornelius
"True Cantabrian" embroidered
on his chest



Trevor Paterson
A rather laid back example of
the "Pride of the South"



State of Origin 1993
The North - second

COACHING

Early in the Club's history the better players were the coaches – convened by Peter Rose, Tom Brady and Ray Marks. Coaching was seen to be for players learning the game whereas bowls is one game that you never stop learning.

Len Seear – Coaching Convenor 1990-95

Following a long line of previous club coaches, I was privileged to convene a keen coaching panel throughout the early 1990s having taken over from the ex British Army veteran Tom Wildes. Older members may recall his iron-discipline military-type mass coaching sessions. This era saw large inflows of new members, many from the Burnside Rugby Club, resulting in huge coaching classes.

Earlier coaching methods were replaced by procedures set out in booklets prepared by the then NZ Coach, John Murtagh. These emphasised the essential steps in the delivery technique, etiquette, responsibilities of each team position, shot play and player development. The coaches were kept very busy on the greens and George Muirhead contributed greatly to inducting all new members to club workings and event procedures. Video cameras were successfully introduced for individual coaching. Club member Bruce Drury of the Robbie Burns Imperial Hotel, donated the TV and video used by the coaches. Bruce was a very generous benefactor of Burnside over the years.

Stewart Buttar and Graeme Rees gained their first Club Coach Badges at this time and both went on to achieve the honour of coaching the NZ National team.

In 1991 Sam Henry introduced “non physical factors in bowling performance” in a series of seminars to the Club. Stu Buttar adopted these ideas of visualisation, self belief and goal setting into his play with marked success. After Len and George Muirhead, Graeme Rees led the coaching panel from 1997 to 2005. Graeme introduced



Representative Coach Pam Clark putting theory into practice



Vince Roper coaching youth players 2009, Tayla Bruce on the mat

clinics by top players such as Peter Bellis, Daphne Shaw and Rex Johnstone before the 1997 Burnside Pairs. In 2005 the Club invested in the new Silicon Coach video analysis software allowing a player's delivery to be captured on video and analysed on the system's laptop. In recent years the use of this valuable coaching tool has been further developed by Cushla McGillivray who took over the coaching mantle when Graeme was appointed High Performance Coach for the Canterbury region and his involvement with the NZ squad began. Cushla has had much success with beginner and elite players alike. She has twice been a finalist for Bowls NZ's Coach of the Year, was named the Bowls Canterbury Coach of the Year in 2012 and is currently a Bowls NZ Coach Trainer.



Cushla McGillivray using Silicon Coach with Estelle Jarvis, Ken Reid and Eric Jarvis

Cushla has been instrumental in developing the coaching skills of Vince Roper, Richard Bruce, Graham Tate, Vincent Chia, Tayla Bruce, and Pam Clark who is a current Canterbury squad coach. Now that he has completed his term with the Black Jacks, Graeme Rees is again the present convenor of the coaching panel. Burnside is fortunate indeed to have coaches of the calibre as those mentioned above.



Two National Coaches
Dave Edwards and Graeme Rees

Burnside's coaches have always been prominent at Bowls Canterbury level with Graeme Rees, Cushla McGillivray and Pam Clark recent coaches of various representative squads. Mike Kirkpatrick was President of the Centre's Coaching, Education and Accreditation Committee in 2007-08 and Vince Roper involved himself in executive positions on the Centre's Coaching Committee for many years.

National Coach from 2002 to 2006, Stewart Buttar introduced modern sports science concepts to the coaching of the sport. Stu's successor Dave Edwards joined the Club for his first five years in the National Coach role. During this time Graeme Rees was appointed as Assistant Coach to the Black Jacks. All three coaches coached World Championship winning sides. Dave and Graeme were awarded gold medals for their role as coaches of the World Champion Men's Team in 2008.

Graeme Rees – Assistant National Coach

In the early 1990s I was taken under the wing of Len Seear who showed me the basics of coaching. Stu Buttar also influenced my coaching and his sharing of knowledge was invaluable in my involvement with Canterbury and later, NZ teams. From coaching new players arriving at Burnside I then coached Canterbury Women's and Men's teams with some success.

The journey as a High Performance coach began in 2006 when I embarked on a tour of Sydney with fellow coaches Dave Edwards (who was a Burnside member from 2007 to 2011) and Janice McKenna. A successful Sydney tour with the NZ development team meant the journey for Dave, Janice and me continued with NZ at World Championships and Commonwealth Games. The following is a summary of the personal development and events that I was extremely fortunate to be part of.

Personal Development

Being attached to the NZ Academy of Sport brought with it amazing personal development from in particular Ashley Light, Richard Smith and Lyn Johnson. I was the recipient of a Prime Minister's Scholarship which included a stint with the Australian Institute of Cricket; I was hitting cricket balls to the likes of David Warner and Michael Clarke. It was very funny after a couple of hits the Australian cricket coaches realised I was a Bowls coach; I must have been doing a reasonable job because they let me carry on. Observations of the cricket coaches using TGFU (Teaching Games for Understanding) games, technical and fitness coaching were extremely beneficial. I was able to transfer a great deal of what I learnt into future Bowls training sessions.

The Scholarship also provided me with opportunities to attend leadership, conflict resolution and emotional intelligence courses to name a few. One of the many benefits of attending coaching forums was networking with coaches from other sports.

Lastly, I undertook a visit with fellow coaches Janice and Dave to Malaysia to learn how a country new to bowls in 1995 was able to be so successful in such a short period of time. I quickly learnt that the meticulous nature of their players assisted in their achievements, watching them code bowls during trainings and matches. Malaysian athletes were motivated by great rewards if successful and they trained with total commitment which enabled them to achieve. In fact Dave and I were so wrapped up about what we had learnt in Malaysia that we were on a monorail and missed our stop because we were deep in discussion about coaching! This was one of 3 visits to Malaysia Janice, Dave and I made and each time I went back I was enthralled with the culture and lovely people.



Coaching Forum.
Graeme Rees on power point

I cannot finish my Personal Development section without mentioning Lachlan Tighe who is a bowls coach from Victoria, Australia. Lachlan joined us in Malaysia for the first visit as he coached them in their early years. His insights during the trip and a later visit to N.Z. which included a visit to Burnside to share his vast knowledge of coaching were fantastic for Canterbury and Burnside bowls.

World Bowls 2008 Christchurch

The New Zealand team centralised for four months prior to this event in Christchurch. The centralisation programme added immense value with the team having an opportunity to train on the greens where they were to play and get to know one another. Our goal of one team one culture both on and off the green was achieved. Dave Edwards (National Coach) and I ran daily trainings and it was evident early on that the skill level and experience in the team would give us the opportunity to become the Number One bowls nation in World Bowls. The biggest challenge for the athletes leading up to the event was occasionally finding the greens especially if they were in my car.....

The athletes played superb bowls during World Bowls and it was no surprise when the Men won the Leonard Trophy for achieving more points than our closest rivals Australia and the Women came a close second to Australia. The end result was that we were Number One in the world winning 6 medals (4 gold medals) from 8 disciplines. Burnside hosted an incredible event that will be long remembered by those who were fortunate to be part of it.

Commonwealth Games 2010 New Delhi

India was everything I thought it would be – oppressive heat, people everywhere and exquisite food.

A similar plan leading up to Delhi was implemented with the team simulating conditions. Six months prior to the games we had a very successful Eight Nations' tournament which was played on the greens to be used a few months later for the games. The carpet surface ran very slowly at speeds around 12 seconds (on a good day). During this event athletes were able to work on their technique and the type of bowls that would best suit the surface. I recall one day the Scottish sports science team pulling their team from the green with the temperature reaching 50 degrees.

We returned to Delhi for the games and again the conditions were as challenging with the heat not quite as oppressive but still very warm and the carpet green slow and tracking. We were welcomed by Bill Fowlie and Isaac Denny, both Burnside members, who were organising the bowls event. They were both a huge help to us as we again familiarised ourselves with the venue. Unfortunately, the campaign was not as successful as World Bowls and we only managed to win one medal from six disciplines. This wasn't from a lack of commitment from all involved.

The years from 2006 to 2010 as part of the NZ High Performance programme were incredible and as I carry on as convenor of Burnside Coaches I will share my knowledge with fellow coaches and athletes.



New Zealand Men's Team – winner of the Leonard Trophy, the overall team trophy.

(L-R) Burnside's Graeme Rees (Assistant Coach), Dave Edwards (Coach) and Andrew Todd with Richard Girvan, Gary Lawson, Russell Meyer and Ali Forsyth

UMPIRES

From the time that laws were written for the sport of bowls, the game has required umpires to interpret the rules and to settle disputes. From 1988 Burnside's umpires were managed in turn by Peter Gifford, Neil Howman, John Webb and Jack Black. In the 1990s Sam Henry successfully combined the roles of convenor of umpires and convenor of coaching. At this time it was noted that the increasing use of the Burnside greens for Centre and Bowls NZ events created stress on the Club's umpires. Ellen Lindley 1999-2001 and Leo Crimmins 2001-2005 led into the Norm West era which still continues today. Evening competitions such as the Watson Shield, Junior Pairs and Mixed Tens; Centre Interclub, Open, Over 60s and Champion of Champions events; Bowls NZ Pathways and international events; all place increasing demands on our Club's umpires and that's without counting our own Club's tournaments and requirements.

Maintaining the 'first to arrive, last to leave' mantra are Burnside's current accredited umpires – Warwick Ainger, Vincent Chia, Robert Clark, Leo Crimmins, Myra Diver, Murray Hill, Eric Jarvis, Philippa Johnston and Norman West (Convenor).



Leo Crimmins
Accredited International Technical Official
Getting down to it at Burnside Under 26
invitation Singles

Norman West – Life Member

To be made a Life Member of an organisation is an honour at any time but to have that happen to me at Burnside was special, particularly since it was apparently what I had contributed to umpiring in the club that gave rise to it. I took up bowling when I joined Elmwood, thirty-six years ago. I stayed with them until 1987 and thoroughly enjoyed the company and some success. But when Beth and I moved to Ilam, John Shaw who was Burnside President in 1988, and who I had rowed with for many years with considerable success suggested that I should come on over.

I learnt very quickly that there were many bowlers around who were much more proficient than I was, and that a lot of those were at Burnside. I have really enjoyed the friendships I have made here and will continue to do so.

But it was in 2003 that I tried my hand at umpiring and really became involved in the inner workings of the club. I had joined that group of members who seem to be always around the place doing things which make Burnside the best of clubs. One of my contributions to Burnside and the enlightened umpiring fraternity has been to develop pieces of equipment which are acknowledged as the best around. That pleases me. As Convenor of umpires I have had a great team around me. At tournament time an umpire puts in many hours; first to arrive and last to leave. I thank them all for the part they play.

I wish the club well for the next 50 years



The new guard Robert Clark, Vincent Chia and Philippa Johnston
with Myra Diver and Norman West

Our umpires have filled many roles in the Bowls Canterbury Umpires' Association including that of President in 2007-08 (Myra Diver) and in 2008-09 (Norman West). World Bowls events have provided many opportunities for our umpires and Mort Young and Leo Crimmins were selected to officiate at World Bowls 2008 and many of the lead-in events. In addition 20 Burnside members acted as markers in various world championship singles matches. This experience has proved to be a great asset to the Club. Notably the rink markers, boundary scopes and many of the instruments used by the umpires were invented and made by Norman West.

ACHIEVEMENTS

World Championships

Jo Edwards	2008 World Bowls Championships	Pairs	Gold
	2009 World Cup Indoor Singles	Singles	Gold
	2010 World Cup Indoor Singles	Singles	Gold
	2011 World Bowls Singles	Champion of Champions	Gold
Andrew Todd	2008 World Bowls Championships	Fours	Gold

Commonwealth Games

Stewart Buttar	2004 Vancouver	Fours	Bronze
Bruce McNish	2004 Vancouver	Fours	Bronze

National Championships

Bill Morrison, Tom Brady, Peter Rose, Ken Shivas	Fours	Silver 1976
Alex Grainger, Ken Prebble, Stewart Buttar, Robin Howman	Fours	Silver 1990
Stewart Buttar	Fours	Gold 1993
Stewart Buttar, Bruce McNish	Fours	Gold 1994
Stewart Buttar, Bruce McNish	Pairs	Gold 1994
Kevin Gore, Michael Small	Pairs	Gold 2004
Olivia Davids (NZ Secondary Schools' Girls)	Singles	Gold 2004
Olivia Davids (NZ Secondary Schools' Girls)	Singles	Gold 2005
Nick Buttar	Fours	Gold 2008
Andrew Todd	Singles	Gold 2010
Jo Edwards	Pairs	Gold 2011
Jo Edwards	Singles	Gold 2011
Tayla Bruce	Singles	Silver 2014
Mandy Boyd	Fours	Gold 2014

Centre Open Champions (Men)

Singles:	Lyn Hanger 1979 - Stewart Buttar 1990, 1993 - Terry Darby 1992 Alan Bryce 1994 - Mike Small 1997
Pairs:	Alex Grainger, Elwyn Hay 1979 - John Lenz, Peter Rose 1981 Alex Grainger, Peter Remi 1991, 1993 - Lyn Hanger, Steve Orman 1992 Rod Hill, Peter Stumbles 1997 - Graeme Rees, Pat Bonham 2002
Triples:	Alex Grainger, Jonathan Flint, Bruce McNish 1997
Fours:	Allan Nimmo, Leo Crimmins, Ken Prebble, Stewart Buttar 1990 Mike Small, Leo Crimmins, Ken Prebble, Bruce McNish 1994 Matt Barber, Kevin Gore, Mike Small, Stewart Buttar 2003 Murray Hill, George Nicoll, Geoff Clarke, Pat Bonham 2008 Eric Jarvis, George Nicoll, Geoff Clarke, Steve Hamilton 2012
Jnr Singles:	Tony Bennett 1996 - Clive Claridge 1998 - Barry Williams 2012 James Haseman 2013 (January)
Colts Singles:	Ian Read 1968
Kittyhawk U20	Tim White 2010 - James Haseman 2013 (October)
Mixed Pairs:	Bruce McNish 2000

Centre Champion of Champions (Men)

Singles:	Stewart Buttar 1991
Pairs:	Max Davis, Ernie Watt 1977 - Isaac Denny, Mike Small 2009
Triples:	Stewart Buttar, Ray Marks, Alan Stuart 1983 Steve Hall, Mike Small, Steve Orman 1993
Jnr Singles:	Chris Macdonald 2005
Colts Singles:	Stewart Buttar 1981 - Neil Clarke 1995 - Selwyn Eathorne 2005

Centre Open Champions (Women)

Singles:	Chris Molloy 2005 - Tayla Bruce 2013 (November)
Pairs:	Glennis Tozer, Betty Lee 1976 - Estelle Jarvis, Stella Trower 2007
Triples:	Joy Scanes, Vi McGarry, Marjory Steele 1991
Fours:	Glennis Tozer, Jean Davis, Noney Morrison, Thelma Kelly 1976 Vera Coombes, Jean Davis, Noney Morrison, Thelma Kelly 1978
Jnr Singles:	Clare Churcher 1992 - Tayla Bruce 2012, 2013 (January)
1st & 2nd Year:	Clare Churcher 1990
Kittyhawk U20	Tayla Bruce 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013 (October)
Rose Bowl:	Vera Coombes, Jean Davis, Noney Morrison, Thelma Kelly 1976

Centre Champion of Champions (Women)

Singles:	Ina Greenall 1989 - Marjory Steele 1990
Triples:	Marjory Buxton, Jill Crow, Peg Guy 1978 - June Irvine, Mattie Mawson, Chris Thomas 1981
Fours:	Gladys Goodall, Noeline Burrows, Mavis Pyne, June Irvine 1980 Helen Brown, Sylvia Hogwood, Ida Shelley, Merle Brady 1983 Dorothy Goldsmith, Joy Scanes, Nyra Crimmins, Noeline Burrows 1985 Yvonne Howman, Chris Ward, Pat Shivas, Betty Atkins 1986
Jnr Singles:	Tayla Bruce 2013 (April)
1st & 2nd Year:	Kirsten Rowe 2013 (March)

Burnside's Interclub Champion Teams

Men's Three Fours and Four Fours

Division 1	1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2004
Division 2	1977, 1991
Division 3	1984
Division 5	1995

Sevens

Division 1	2009 (National Finalists)
Division 2	2002, 2003, 2007 (National Finalists)
Int.club Sevens	2003
Women's Prem.	2009
Women's Sevens Div 1	2013 (December)

Open Tens (Men's)	2001, 2003, 2006, 2008
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Junior Fours

Division 1	1985, 1986, 1989, 2005, 2010, 2013 (December)
Division 2	1979, 2002, 2012
Division 3	1971, 1980

Women's Junior Pairs	2002
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Watson Shield	1990, 1991, 1996, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
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Manning Cup	Pennant – 1990-91-92; Large Clubs – 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004
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Mixed Tens	2003, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012
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Centre Masters Over 60s Events

The following have won Centre Masters Over 60s Events 2007-2013

Geoff Clarke, Rod Maxwell, Merv Rodgers, Alex Grainger, Des Fitzpatrick, Graham Fyall, Eric Jarvis, Stewart Park, Murray Hill, Neil Cornelius, Ken Haworth, Peter Doell, Estelle Jarvis, Graham Lowery

Centre Secretary/Treasurer's Trophy

Brenda Turner, Nancy Field 2013 (a first for Burnside)

Centre Representatives

The following Burnside members represented the Canterbury Centre 1964 – 2013

For the record the actual organisations were; Christchurch Bowling Centre 1964-86; the Canterbury Provincial Bowling Centre 1986-96; Bowls Canterbury 1996-2001; Amalgamated Bowls Canterbury 2002 -

Senior/Open Teams (Men)

Peter Rose, Bill Morrison, Tom Brady, Ken Shivas, Ray Marks, Stu Buttar, Lyn Hanger, Neil Howman, Robin Howman, Peter Remi, Alan Stuart, Steve Orman, Evan Ambrose, Graham Champion, Ken Prebble, Bill Cosgriff, Alex Grainger, Terry Darby, Graeme Rees, Steve Cruse, Bruce McNish, Mike Small, Alan Bryce, Leo Crimmins, Peter Stumbles, Pat Bonham, Billy Cosgriff, Noel Millar, Geoff Harris, Kevin Gore

Development/Junior Teams from 1985 (Men)

Ken Prebble, Len Seear, Dave Khouri, Allan Nimmo, Billy Cosgriff*, Steve Hall*, Geoff Harris, Neil Clarke, Clive Claridge, Nigel Thompson, Ross Bell, Isaac Denny, Raniera Tini, Chris Macdonald, Selwyn Eathorne, Luke Rhind, Barry Williams, Grant Ellis, Joshua Thompson, James Haseman

*members of the 1991 Junior Rothmans Intercentre Team (seven players) – a first for Burnside

The following Burnside members represented the Christchurch Women's Bowling Centre 1968-2001

These players competed against South Canterbury for the Sampson Cup and/or against Marlborough for the Marjory Gundry Trophy;

Thelma Kelly, Lorna Storey, Joan Kuchen, Marjory Steele, Barbara Stanbury, Ina Gardiner, Glenis Tozer, Noney Morrison, Doreen Lindley, Vi McGarry, Leonie Spargo, Jill Crow, Peg Guy, June Irvine, Mavis Pyne, Noeline Burrows, Gladys Goodall, Maureen Thomas, Joy Scanes, Merle Brady, Ida Shelley, Sylvia Hogwood, Helen Brown, Nyra Crimmins, Kathleen Hay, Dorothy Goldsmith, Betty Atkins, Pat Shivas, Chris Ward, Yvonne Howman, Clare Churcher, Mavis Lancaster, Mavis Barnard, Ola Williams, Mattie Mawson, Marjory Waldron, Pat Seear, Judy Gamblin, Pam Clark

Senior/Open Teams from 2001 (Women)

Sharon Kitching, Lorraine Davis, Stella Trower, Chris Molloy, Pam Clark, Barbara Redway, Estelle Jarvis, Serena Matthews, Jessica Webber, Jo Edwards, Valmai Hantz, Tayla Bruce, Kay Wallace, Mandy Boyd

Development/Junior Teams from 2001 (Women)

Pam Clark, Judy Gamblin, Cheryl Gee, Jessica Webber, Chris Molloy*, Olivia Davids*, Stella Trower*, Lyn Haworth, Laura Newton, Tayla Bruce, Bonnie Hawker, Kay Wallace, Kirsten Rowe

*members of the Bowls Canterbury Women's Development Team (six players) that won the 2007 National Intercentre Development Teams' Championship.

N.B. The above listings cannot be definitive – apologies to anyone who should have been listed but isn't.



Burnside Player of the Year 2011-12
Barry Williams with President, Neil Cornelius



Bill Fowlie (President) accepts Club of the Year 2012
plaque from Kerry Clark (CEO Bowls NZ)



A table full of trophies
Tayla Bruce, Laura Newton
and Lyn Haworth 2010

Bowls NZ National Awards

2007	Greenkeeper of the Year	Ken Prebble
2008	Greenkeeper of the Year	Ken Prebble
2008	Club of the Year	Burnside
2008	Administrator of the Year	Ken Wilson-Pyne
2008	Coach of the Year	Dave Edwards
2009	Volunteer of the Year	Ken Haworth
2009	Player of the Year	Jo Edwards
2010	Volunteer of the Year	Graham Lowery
2011	Player of the Year	Jo Edwards
2011	Club of the Year	Burnside
2011	Bowls NZ Clubcheck	Gold Award
2012	Club of the Year	Burnside
2013	Bowls NZ Clubcheck	Gold Award
2013	Bowls NZ Hall of Fame	Stewart Buttar



Burnside Player of the Year 2009-10
Lyn Haworth

Burnside Players of the Year

Season	Women	Men
2001-02	Sharon Kitching	Pat Bonham
2002-03	Lorraine Davis	Matt Barber
2003-04	Lorraine Davis	Mike Small
2004-05	Jessica Webber	Selwyn Eathorne
2005-06	Olivia Davids	Kevin Gore
2006-07	Stella Trower	Isaac Denny
2007-08	Jo Edwards	Isaac Denny
2008-09	Jo Edwards	Isaac Denny
2009-10	Lyn Haworth	Kevin Gore
2010-11	Jo Edwards	George Nicoll
2011-12	Tayla Bruce	Kevin Gore/ Barry Williams
2012-13	Tayla Bruce	Kevin Gore



Burnside Player of the Year 2012-13
Kevin Gore

Major Events at Burnside 1982-2013

1982	NZ v Australia 4th Test
1993	Bank of NZ National Interclub and Inter-Centre Finals
1996	Men's National Championships (HQ) NZ v Australia Test Series National Interclub and Inter-Centre Finals
1998	NZ v South Australia Trans-Tasman Test Series
1999	Women's National Championships (HQ)
2001	NZ v Ireland Test Series
2003-4	First combined Men's and Women's National Championships (HQ)
2007	Asia Pacific Championship NZ v Ireland Test Series NZ v Scotland Test Series NZ v Malaysia Test Series NZ v South Africa Test Series Trans-Tasman Test Series
2008	First combined Men's and Women's World Championships (HQ)
2013	World Bowls Singles Champion of Champions



Burnside Player of the Year 2010-11
George Nicoll

INTERNATIONALS

Stewart Buttar

Stewart Buttar was a talented representative cricketer who took up bowls because his job as a customs officer and its shift hours fitted bowls better than cricket. He joined Burnside in the 1979-80 season as a first-year player. Stewart was to become our first international player. He won his first Burnside championship in 1981 – the Colts Singles and went on that year to win the Canterbury Colts Champion of Champions title. Stewart won his first Burnside Open championships in 1985 – the fours with Peter Remi and the first of his six Open Singles. In all he won 22 open club titles including the 1999 Mixed Pairs with his sister, Pam Clark, and five Centre titles.

Stewart practised for hours honing his skills and concentrating on shot making and shot selection.

The 1990 National Championships brought him his first success at national level when the Burnside Four of Alex Grainger, Ken Prebble, Stewart and Robin Howman (skip) was a close runner up to Rowan Brassey's Okahu Bay Four at Christchurch's Hoon Hay Working Men's Club.

1993 was a stellar year for Stewart. He was in Gary Lawson's composite Four that won the 1993 National Fours title at the Rewa Club in Matamata. Bruce McNish, yet to join Burnside, was also in this team. Stewart won the Most Consistent Player award at the Nationals and soon after was named, at the age of 38, in the New Zealand team to play Australia at Moama in the annual Trans-Tasman Test Series. This was followed by selection in the NZ team for the Asia Pacific Championship held in Victoria, Canada where leading for the triples team he won a silver medal. 1994 was even better. At the Nationals held in Christchurch Stewart won the Pairs with his now Burnside club mate, Bruce McNish and went on to retain the Fours title with Andrew Curtain, Bruce and Gary Lawson – in the media dubbed "Dream Team" and "Awesome Foursome". Selection to the Commonwealth Games team followed and in Victoria Canada, alongside Bruce, Stewart won a bronze medal in the Fours. In 1994 he also played in the Trans-Tasman in Dunedin and then a test series against Fiji.

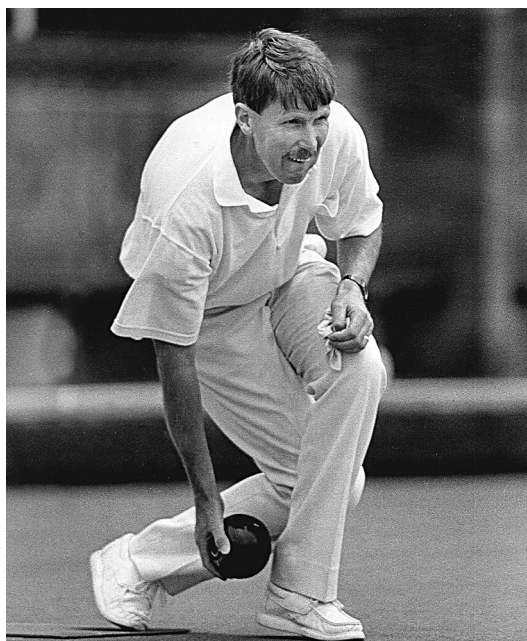
South Africa in 1997 was the stage for Stewart's final international appearance as a player in a test series as he retired from international play in 1998.



Stewart Buttar
Centre Colts Singles Champion 1981



Stewart after winning the National
Fours Championship in 1993 with
Nick (winner 2008) and Anna



Stewart Buttar
The master of the incredibly smooth delivery

Stewart Buttar was not only a champion player he was a great club man. He served the club in many ways - on the Executive, as Greens' Superintendent, as a member and chair of the Burnside Pairs Invitation Tournament Committee, as a coach, as a selector, on the bar and on the match committee among other roles. Although he was a top singles player he really enjoyed playing in a team. He won several titles and tournaments with players like Mike Small, Ken Prebble and Alex Grainger but he also included other players in his teams – young players and those new to bowls as well as club members who did a lot of work around the club. He was a humble winner and always a gracious loser.

With the restructuring of the Customs Department, Stewart made bowls his career. He worked as Elmwood's professional coach and Fendalton's greenkeeper while remaining a member of Burnside. He followed the Australian professional model and gave individual contracted lessons and opened a bowls shop in what is now the Burnside Club office. Early in 2000 he was also appointed Regional Development Officer by the Centre – the first in Canterbury – with an emphasis on school and youth bowls. He was very successful in this role.

As with everything he did, Stewart prepared for his coaching role thoroughly. He studied biomechanics and kinesiology and applied these to bowls, being one of the first to apply the science of movement to the sport. He believed in sports psychology as a means of enhancing relaxation and concentration to raise performance levels. He also promoted fitness - sometimes to sceptical ears.

In 2002 Stewart was appointed to the full-time position of National Coach. Apart from Trans-Tasman tests and the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games his most notable coaching achievement was assisting NZ teams win several medals at the 2004 World Championships at Ayr, Scotland (Men) and at Leamington Spa, England (Women). It was at this level that Stewart was able to apply all his skills and knowledge and he was seen as a world leading coach of bowls by all other countries.

Sadly Stewart fell ill in 2005 and even though incapacitated he continued working for Bowls NZ. He continued to play when he could at club level during this time and he was a very proud father when his son Nick won the Club Colts Singles Championship early in 2006.

After a brave battle with cancer Stewart Buttar passed away in early March 2006 at the age of 51. This Southern Man was given a huge send off. His name lives on in the Stewart Buttar Burnside Invitation Pairs and all those who knew him – men, women, young, old, elite or roll up - will always remember Stewart Buttar as a top bloke.

In September 2013 Stewart Buttar was inducted into the Bowls NZ Hall of Fame.

Bruce McNish

Bruce McNish is Burnside's second international player. Bruce joined Burnside from Greymouth in the 1993-94 season. He had already forged a formidable reputation and an impressive record as a player. He had won three NZ Fours titles before joining Burnside – 1983 in Wellington, 1988 in Dunedin and 1993 in Matamata. All were in composite teams and Bruce was playing at those times at the Milton, Spreydon and Greymouth clubs respectively.

The 1993 Championship was won with Stewart Buttar (Burnside), Andrew Curtain (Linwood) and Gary Lawson (Carlton). This quartet repeated their success in Christchurch in 1994 and Bruce, now a member of Burnside, joined with Stewart to also win the Pairs. With Lawson winning the Singles, the four created history by winning all three NZ titles on offer in 1994 and deservedly were labelled the "Awesome Foursome". With these wins Bruce was awarded the Bowls NZ Gold Star.



Bruce McNish in Burnside colours 2012



Runner up National Fours Championship 1990
Stewart Buttar, Robin Howman, Ken Prebble and Alex Grainger

Selection for New Zealand followed this success and at the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Canada, Bruce together with Stewart won the bronze medal in the Fours. He also played in a test series against Fiji. The following year he was selected for the trans-Tasman in Noosa and in 1998 he was again selected in the Commonwealth Games team playing in the Pairs at Kuala Lumpur.

Between 1995 and 2000 Bruce won 11 Burnside Championships including four Singles titles in succession 1996-1999. He added a number of Centre titles to those he had already won and was awarded a Centre Gold Star. During this time Burnside's Division 1 interclub teams were very successful.

Bruce shifted to the Gold Coast in 2001 and won many tournaments and enjoyed much success in the top division of the Gold Coast Pennant competitions for Musgrave Hill. He returned many times to NZ to fulfil a promise to his great friend Stewart Buttar that he would help young Nick in his bowling career. In 2008 in Christchurch Bruce McNish of Musgrave Hill won his sixth National title by winning the Fours together with Nick Buttar (Burnside), Chris LeLievre (Onehunga) and Ryan Bester (Cabramatta and Canada). Each year he plays in the Stewart Buttar Burnside Invitation Pairs with Nick.

In the 2012-13 season Bruce returned to Christchurch to work in the restoration and rebuilding of Christchurch after the earthquakes.

He rejoined Burnside and is currently a member of the Club.



Winners of the
National Fours 2003
Gary Lawson,
Bruce McNish,
Andrew Curtain and
Stewart Buttar

Jo Edwards

Jo Edwards came to Burnside in 2006 from United in Nelson. Her husband, Dave Edwards, was appointed to the position of National Coach and as World Bowls 2008 was to be held in Christchurch his job was located in the city. As Burnside was the headquarters for the World Championships it was logical that Burnside was chosen as their home club. Jo had already been successful on Burnside's greens having won the Pairs title here at the 2004 National Championships and had played several times in the Burnside Invitation Pairs.

When Jo came to Burnside she was already the 2002 Manchester Commonwealth Games Pairs gold medallist and the 2004 Pairs World Champion won at Leamington Spa, England. Both these titles were won with Sharon Sims. In addition she was a multiple medal winner in Asia Pacific Championships held in 2001, 2003 and 2005. During her five years at Burnside Jo won the Pairs gold medal at the 2008 World Championships (on the Orchard Green) with her great mate Val Smith and two World Cup Indoor Singles titles at Warilla, Australia. In addition, wearing a Burnside shirt, she won both the Singles and Pairs titles on one golden day at the 2010-2011 National Championships on the Taieri greens in Dunedin. Following this success she went on to win the World Bowls Singles Champion of Champions event. Several Burnside members proudly watched when she won the rich Golden Nugget Singles tournament at Tweed Heads Bowling Club in 2009 – a feat she repeated in 2011 and 2013.



Jo Edwards, Bowls NZ Player of the Year 2009, with President John Reese



Jo Edwards in the pairs final World Bowls 2008

Jo Edwards, skip of the NZ Four at World Bowls 2008

Since returning to Nelson in July 2011 Jo has won her third World Cup Indoors title in 2012 and a silver medal in the 2012 World Championship Pairs held in Adelaide.

During her time at Burnside Jo was committed to the Black Jacks' regime. This limited her playing time in club competitions but she was an excellent club member and played in as many club events as she could. In her career Jo has won more than 30 Club titles – one of which is the Burnside Women's Pairs won with Kerrie Bruce in 2011. She played in the Mixed Tens team, and in the interclub Women's Sevens team with two 15 year olds, Laura Newton and Tayla Bruce. She encouraged and inspired these two youngsters and was rewarded for this when Tayla and her partner defeated Jo and Val Smith in the 2012 Burnside Pairs. Jo was named the Bowls NZ Player of the Year in 2009, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and Burnside's Player of the Year in 2008, 2009 and 2011. At present Jo lives in Nelson.



Jo Edwards' personalised bowl celebrates her Liverpool origins

Serena Matthews

Serena represented NZ at the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games. She moved from Auckland to Christchurch in 2006 to enhance her chances of selection for World Bowls 2008. She was selected to play both Ireland and Scotland in April 2007 and performed creditably but missed achieving her goal of World Bowls selection – instead she volunteered to help in the results office. Serena played in Burnside's winning Mixed Tens side in 2007 and in all manner of club events. Playing for Leeston/Dunsandel she was named Canterbury's Player of the Year in 2013 having won a number of Centre titles including the Open Singles, the National Club Singles and the National Pairs Championship. She may well achieve her goal at World Bowls in 2016.



Serena Matthews at the Burnside Pairs

Andrew Todd

Andrew was selected for the Black Jacks in internationals throughout 2007 and for World Bowls 2008. He came from Sydney club, Cabramatta, to Burnside through his contacts with Ross Bell. At the 2007-2008 Nationals, Andrew and Ross were semi finalists in the Pairs Championship. He used the club mainly as a practice facility getting to know the World Bowls greens very well. This obviously worked as he was lead in the gold medal winning four and a member of the team that won the overall team title – the Leonard Trophy. Success in the Burnside Fives and the 2009 Stewart Buttar Burnside Invitation Pairs confirmed his class. Andrew won the National Singles title under the Burnside banner in Wellington at the 2009-2010 Nationals and went on to the 2010 World Bowls Singles Champion of Champions where in Norfolk Island he was runner-up.



Andrew Todd leading the way at World Bowls 2008

Isaac Denny

Isaac started playing bowls in 1999 at age 15 when he was at Papanui High School. He was selected in the NZ Under 25 Development Team in two Trans-Tasman Test series; the first at Bowls Papanui in March 2007 and again at Burnside in December 2007. He has won many open tournaments including the South Island Under 30 Championship in 2003 and the Stewart Buttar Burnside Invitation pairs in 2007.

At club level Isaac has three open titles – Pairs 2007 and 2009 and Fours in 2009; all with Mike Small. He also won the Centre Pairs title in 2009 with Mike. Isaac was Burnside's Player of the Year in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

He has contributed a lot to the Club as a junior selector, Executive member, Vice President, Burnside Pairs Committee and as a member of the 2013 Innovations Committee. Isaac assisted Bill Fowlie at the 2010 New Delhi Commonwealth Games where he trained volunteers.

An interview with Isaac Denny

Why did you choose to play bowls at school?

The local bowls club had put a notice in my school's weekly newsletter. A group of us went down as a bit of a joke, I had no intention of taking it up. I worked at a supermarket at the time; a guy I worked with also played and suggested I come to Burnside as there was a good group of young bowlers there. The rest as they say is history.

Reaction of school friends?

Similar to what I get now. Really? Why? Isn't it for more senior members? (Paraphrasing of course).

Other sports played at that time?

Rugby

Do you have a bowling role model ?

It is hard to go far past Stewart Buttar. Stu was a great role model for all of us that started around this time. He was an extremely talented player, calm under pressure, considerate and extremely generous with his time. He was a great role model for bowls and life in general.



Isaac Denny, Burnside Player of the Year 2008 with President Warwick Ainger

Who has influenced your bowling?

In the early days there was really only one, Stu Buttar. In more recent years I would say Mike Small. Both have taught me game tactics and the importance of remaining calm, something that doesn't come very naturally to me at times. They have also taught me, like life, it is important to surround yourself with people whose company you enjoy. We spend a lot of time on the green, it is important that you like those around you. I also owe a lot to people like: Ross Bell, Selwyn Eathorne, Noel Millar, Geoff Clarke, Leo Crimmins, Kevin Gore, Murray Hill, Bill Fowlie; the list goes on, too many to name everyone.

First big success?

It seems small now but at the time it was winning the Junior Singles. Back then I would somewhat misbehave and stay out a bit late, drink a bit too much before a game but in the final I managed to play some decent bowls and help contribute towards a win. My late Grandmother was unwell at the time but came down to watch, it was nice to win with her there.

How did you feel when named for NZ?

I remember clearly when Dave Edwards called me to say that I had made the NZ Under 25 team for the first time. I was giddy. It was a fantastic feeling to be recognised like that. The first time putting on the fern was both exciting and nerve-racking. I will never forget it.

Most memorable moments in bowls?

There are a few, both on and off the green, but to take a cheap shot at my mates Ross Bell and Kevin Gore, getting a six to win on the last end of the club pairs with Chris Macdonald. Sadistic I know!

What do you think of the Burnside Club?

I am very proud to be a member of the Burnside Club, I couldn't imagine ever playing for another. Our club has amazing greens and facilities but what really makes our club great is our members, an inspiring group of men and women who are incredibly supportive of youth bowls.

Future goals in bowls?

My goal was always to compete in a Commonwealth Games, however I think working at one is probably the closest I will get. A more realistic goal might be to once again win the Stewart Buttar Invitation Pairs.

Anything else you wish to include?

The player I would you most like to see return to the game is Raniera Tini, a true natural with a drive that I have never seen the like of since. I'm thinking of starting a petition.



Isaac Denny playing for NZ against Australia in 2007 at Bowls Papanui

Tayla Bruce

Tayla began her bowling career as a 13 year old, Year 9 student at Christchurch Girls' High School, in the Wednesday secondary school competition in Term 4, 2008. In her first five years she has won 7 Open Club titles, 3 Centre Junior titles and represented the Canterbury Women's Senior Team in the 2012-13 season. In November 2013 Tayla won the Centre's Women's Open Singles Championship – a remarkable feat for such a young player. In addition she was invited to the 2012 Junior Golden Nugget at Tweed Heads and, the reason Tayla is included in this section, she was selected to play for the NZ Under 18 Team to play Australia in both 2012 and 2013. Tayla was Burnside's Women's Player of the Year in 2011-12 and 2012-13.

An interview with Tayla Bruce

Why did you choose to play bowls?

I went to watch World Bowls in 2008 at Burnside and saw young high performance athletes playing for their country. I saw bowls in a new light and was inspired to be like them.

Reaction of school friends?

They thought it was cool I was trying something different and often brought up the fact their grandparents play. It was hard convincing them that it is not just a sport for old people.

Other sports played at that time?

Netball in winter. I played defence positions - either Goal Defence or Goal Keep.

Do you have a bowling role model?

I will always look up to Jo Edwards because I admire her as a person and a player.

Who has influenced your bowling career?

My coach Vince Roper who has been with me just about from day one. He supports me and teaches me so much in all aspects of the game. And of course Mum and Dad have been great support.

First big success?

Being selected for the NZ Under 18 team in 2012. When I started playing bowls that was my first ultimate goal and to achieve that was very exciting.

International experience?

I've played for two years in the NZ Under 18 Trans-Tasman team. It was a great experience and a real high point of my life. Every international game is as thrilling as the first.

Most memorable moments in bowls?

A special moment that I will never forget was in 2012 being officially presented with my Under 18 NZ shirt and cap. Then to go out and bowl against Australia for our country was the best feeling. Being selected again for the team in 2013 was just as exciting as when I was selected the first time.

What do you think of the Burnside Club?

I love the club. It will always be the place that sparked my interest in the sport and is where it all started for me. I am very proud to be a Burnside member. The members have always made me feel welcome and supported me.

Future goals in bowls?

To keep improving to the best of my ability and to try and go as far as I can. I'd love to represent New Zealand again.



Good Shot
Jo Edwards congratulates Tayla Bruce
Bowls NZ Challenge



Kerrie, Richard and Tayla Bruce at the
National Championships
Dunedin 2013-14



Tayla Bruce playing for NZ Under 18 against Australia in Auckland



Tayla playing for the Southern Region in
the NZ Challenge 2012

INFRASTRUCTURE

Things that make clubs work, the supporting structure; This section will concentrate on developments after 1985.

Greens

Burnside is no exception to the maxim that people make great clubs. In any bowling club however, the green is the jewel in the crown. Burnside has three internationally famous jewels. It wasn't always so.

In the early history of the Club, Green Superintendents were written up but the greenkeepers got scant or no mention. The Laing Green opened in November 1964 and Davie in December 1966. Both were grass greens looked after by contractors as the Club could not afford a "grounds man". The first superintendent was A H Flay; a Professor at Lincoln College, whose appointment to the U.N. meant that Walter Laing took over. Jack Brown, A J Morley and Ernie Watt followed and at this time in 1973 cotula weed took over from grass as the favoured playing surface. Hec Orchard, the Club's first greenkeeper and grass fan, promptly resigned. Les Pope, Ernie Watt again, Alan Stuart, Howard Hill, Henry Vannoort and B R Byers served until 1987 – a watershed date. The Orchard Green opened in December 1979 to complete the playing complex – three weed greens. Today (2013) we play on cotula-maniototo weed greens.

Green Superintendents 1987-Present

1987-88 Alan Stuart	1988-91 Stu Buttar	1991-94 Rod Maxwell
1994-05 Noel Millar	2005-06 Leo Crimmins	2006-07 John Reese
2007-08 Leo Crimmins	2009-11 Ken Prebble	2012- John Reese

Burnside's first greenkeeper, Hec Orchard (1966-73), was succeeded by Tim Kearney (1977-82), Pat Thomas (1982), Steve Alloway (1983) and Colin Pratt (1984-87). The greens at this time were in poor condition. The reformation and restoration started with the appointment of Ken Prebble on March 1, 1987. Every Annual Report from 1988 to 2009 acknowledged and congratulated Ken Prebble and his Green Superintendents on the excellence of the greens.

Burnside has played a full part in the success of the Bowls Canterbury Greenkeepers' Association with Ken Prebble holding a number of Executive positions over the years while Club member, Colin James – the Fendalton Bowling Club's greenkeeper – is the current President of the Association.



Ken Prebble (L), Rex Jones, Jack Forbes, Hugh Thomson and Geoff Orchard discuss greens 1987

Ken Prebble – Greenkeeper 1987-2009

My interest in green keeping started at an early age as I trailed my father around various greens in Christchurch. Dad was a bowler as well as the voluntary greenkeeper for a succession of clubs including the original Papanui Club in Langdons Road, the Mona Vale Club and the Flemings Flour Mill green in Addington. In those days all the greens were grass. I joined Burnside as a player in 1980 and took up the green keeping role on March 1, 1987. In the early days Sonny Calder and Bill Fiecken acted as my mentors in the art, science and mysteries of green keeping and I really valued their knowledge and advice. Burnside Executives have always taken care in the appointment of their Green Superintendents and I enjoyed a good working and personal relationship with every one of them in my 22 years in the job. Stu Buttar gets a special mention for his diligence and his attention to detail while Noel Millar was a virtual team mate for 12 years. Noel did a great deal of work on the surrounds and had a special skill in recruiting volunteers for working bees. He was



Ken Prebble – Greenkeeper

hard to say no to. I must say that in all my years at Burnside a standout for me has been the number and hard work of willing helpers. When I first started the greens were in bad shape and preparing them to a good standard was a challenge. Mid-weekers were very influential then and I had to prepare two greens for them on three days each week.

I always enjoyed the renovation/green maintenance periods because of the Club camaraderie, laughter and fun. There's a lot of satisfaction in seeing people enjoying playing on your greens, while it was a thrill to watch the Black Jacks performing so well at the 2008 World Bowls. The Aussies were here so often in 2007-08 that I got to know them all on a first name basis – that was special. I have very fond memories of the 'Morning Tea Club' chaired for many years by Dal Stott. I was opposed to the replacement of the Avonhead Road iron fence with a lower, see-through model as I thought the vandals would have a field day. I am pleased to say that I was wrong and that the fence has been a great success.

In all my time as greenkeeper there was never a day that I didn't want to go to work. I loved the variety, appreciated the people and gained pleasure from the reactions of players.



Overseers Warwick Ainger and Alan Bryce



Men at work planing the Orchard Green

Ken Prebble is a very good player in his own right. He has 18 Club and two Centre titles and was runner up in the 1990 National Fours Championship. He has also been a member of numerous winning Burnside interclub teams. Accordingly, he had an understanding of what was required by top players as well as Club bowlers. As one of his superintendents said "he had a sixth sense in foreseeing potential problems early and got on with the necessary remedy". Another said "he looked after the greens like they belonged to him". During the international era 2007-08, praise was heaped on the greens and the greens' staff for the consistency and speed of the playing surfaces. One experienced team manager said that "these are the best greens in the world".

Ken's expertise was recognised in being named the Bowls NZ Greenkeeper of the Year in both 2007 and 2008. He was always protective of his greens and quick to reply to any perceived criticism. An illustration of this is on one of the Women's Club's opening days the then President remarked loudly as he passed by "this green is far too heavy". Ken's retort, to the amusement of the full green, "then don't try to pick it up by yourself".



Glen Miller - Greenkeeper
Heading for his coffee



Getting the levels right

Glen Miller, an experienced and very successful greenkeeper, succeeded Ken Prebble as greenkeeper in 2009. Ken was appointed Greens' Superintendent for the 2009-11 period and said that it was a really easy job as Glen is so good at what he does. The Burnside greens are indeed in excellent hands as the Club looks forward to the international period starting in 2013 and culminating in World Bowls 2016!



"What do you mean, where's my green?"

Gardens

In the sixties the early gardens were planned and tended by Ivan Skipworth followed by Laurie Milne. Wally Chatterton was in charge for most of the next decade until 1983. Wally was known for collecting money off the mid-week players to buy roses and was made a Life Member in 1978 in recognition for his service to the Club. Beds of rhododendrons, azaleas, roses, dahlias, perennials and annuals were cared for and made a colourful display for both visitors and players. Variegated ivy was trained to cover the numerous bare fence posts. Albie Brixton succeeded Wally and in turn handed the gardens over to Laurie and Joy Scanes. This was a period (1989-95) when the Club won many garden awards including winner of the Bowling Clubs' section in the Christchurch Gardens' Competitions in 1989 and 1990. Rose expert and Club Captain, Don Williamson, was a great asset to the rose beds at this time.

Ron Shackleton convened the gardeners from 1995 to 1998 before the nine years of the Dal Stott era. Gordon Dixon was a willing lieutenant while Pauline Minehan and Rosemary Harper were also mentioned in dispatches from the gardening front. Prior to 2001 the Club hid its gardens behind high iron fences for the enjoyment of those who passed through the gate only. With the replacement see-through fence on the Avonhead Road frontage the Club lost its ivy but its gardens and facilities were now visible to the public. It is rumoured that property values on Avonhead Road soared overnight. Dal went into overdrive with considerable colourful success – “would you like sheep manure with that?”

Tom Brankin spent hundreds of hours tending the gardens before the present Gardens Convenor, Terry Paterson, took the leadership role in 2008. Terry has put a tremendous amount of time and energy into enhancing our environment while coping admirably with 30 flag pole sleeves in his showpiece frontage. Each year more than 500 annuals are planted to brighten the display. He has transformed the car park plots to make the main entrance to the Club attractive and functional – always with a greeting and a grin.



Terry Paterson (Tiger) in another guise from the gardener, raffle king and pairs organiser

All those mentioned above would be the first to acknowledge the help and work put into the gardens over 50 years by dozens of men and women volunteers. The environment we play in would be stark indeed without their interest, efforts and expertise. Long may this Burnside tradition be continued!



The gardens along the Avonhead Road frontage 1989

The House (Bar)

The bar has come a long way from a trestle table in the dining room and Friday purchases of flagons from the Russley Hotel. In fact before 1973 the Club was dry! The lounge built in 1976 meant that a professional type bar was possible and was included in the build. This was further improved in 1992 when the extension to the clubhouse was completed while the refurbishment in 2012 planned by Barry Bunting has provided an attractive and efficient functioning bar providing wine, spirits, a wide choice of beers and non-alcohol drinks. The bar over the years has been staffed by volunteers who have done a great job. For special occasions and when the facilities are hired out paid bar staff are employed.



Doug Graham 1995

Ken Haworth – Club Manager and Life Member

The last 25 years have seen massive steps forward in all aspects of the Club. The quality of the greens, the professionalism of administration, the introduction of technology, the amalgamation of the Men's and Women's sections, the development of coaches and umpires, the support of Club volunteers and the hosting of National and International events have all resulted in Burnside becoming one of the premier bowling clubs in New Zealand. This era has also seen some significant changes which have benefited both Club members and the community at large. Some examples of this include the replacement of boundary fences, the erection of sun shades, the increased availability for hire of club facilities for local groups and residents, and the upgrading of the lounge and bar facilities.

Mention must be made of one member who although unfinancial, was known to everyone who was a member between 1996 and 2005. "Burnie" was a sleek black cat who was nominated by Ron Lenz, cared for by Ron and then Graham Lowery as well as many others with donations of food and money. Burnie's domain was the clubhouse, greens and dry stream bed by the car park. He had his own accounts book and was on the local vet's mailing list.

The 1992 extension to the lounge coincided with the arrival of the Doug Graham era of management. In his six years in charge, Doug turned the bar from a good asset into an excellent one for the Club. He did this with hard work, sound ideas, volunteer training and pride in what he was doing. In recognition of this, Doug's funeral was held in the lounge with some drama and memorable moments. It was the first and probably the last funeral to be held up the narrow stairs!

Doug Graham's legacy of sound management has been maintained by those who followed him – Mike Kirkpatrick, Lindsay O'Hara, Leo Crimmins, Bruce Hamilton and today Murray Harper and Barry Bunting while Ken Haworth, Club Manager since 2004, has overseen the bar operation in his portfolio of duties.

Burnie proved himself to be a good hunter. He was a giving cat as he often deposited the remains of mice or birds in the women's match room. He was aware of occasion in that one Christmas he proudly laid out bits of a mouse under the Christmas tree in the foyer among the empty boxes. His was a genuine present! Burnie was often the only spectator at evening championship matches sprawled on his side on the rink boundary while for exercise he enthusiastically chased (without much success) swallows that annually nested in the clubhouse roof. He sometimes strolled nonchalantly across the green during bowls events to find a better spot in the sun. Burnie's memorial garden is to the right of the main gate – a resting place in the sun.



Ken Haworth joined the Club in 1987, was Secretary from 1994 until 2004 and Club Manager from 2004 to the present. He was named Sport Canterbury's Summer Sports Administrator of the Year in 2000-01 for his secretarial excellence and in 2009 he won the Bowls NZ Volunteer of the Year award. Ken's work for the Club was honoured when he was made a Life Member in 2008.

Catering

As recorded earlier, the bulk of the catering has fallen on the shoulders of the Women's Club. In recognition of this in earlier days, Women's Club members paid a lesser subscription than the men. In truth they enjoyed far fewer playing rights than the men who on the other hand had built the greens and clubhouse. In the Annual Report of the Men's Club in 1994, President Ray Davey stated "where would we be without the ladies?" in giving a very big thank you to Women's President Marie Methven and the BWBC for all their work and contribution to the Club.

Jan Harmon

When I joined the Burnside Women's Bowling Club in 1993 I was welcomed by the then President, Marie Methven. The Club had about 120 members and like today was a very friendly place. Mavis Lancaster, Betty Mitchell, Pat Seear, Margaret Weir and Yvonne Howman were playing then and they are still today active, loyal and hardworking members. We did a lot of catering in those days mainly for the Club and not so much for the Centre and international events. We raised money through activities like club-day raffles and Lotto bonus numbers. This enabled us to provide drapes for the dining room and lounge as well as buy kitchen china before amalgamation in 1998.

Today we enjoy several shared lunches before Charity Days and our North v South fixtures. Normally these events are played after a few wines which ensure that comradeship and Club spirit are well and truly alive. Each year the Club runs two open tournaments, in November and February, which are very popular and well supported by other clubs. Their success is due to the great team of workers who help in so many ways.

During the winter the ladies hold two lunches which help keep us in touch with each other in the off season as well as fostering and building our Club spirit.

Since amalgamation, the role of Catering-Kitchen Convenor has been filled in turn by Helen Brown, Estelle Jarvis, Philippa Johnston, Jan Harmon and Gaye Bunting. Ken Haworth has also been involved with bookings and worked with each of the convenors. Women members have been rostered to provide lunches and teas for Centre and Club events and their work and skill is much appreciated, as the men playing at home in the Mixed Tens teams can verify. Since 2001 larger all-day tournaments have been contracted to outside caterers; in particular to Nikki Harding's 'Catering by Nikki'. Burnside has a group of male BBQ 'experts' and others whose skills are put to good use in several of our tournaments.

Works Committee

In the 1980s Norm Clifton and Len Seear convened the Works Committee which from the beginning in 1963 built and maintained our facilities outside the clubhouse such as paths, seating, fences, the greens' banks, plinth boards, scoreboards, spouting, windows, painting and car parks. For the past 24 years (from 1989) Russell Cockcroft has been the Works Committee Convenor. He used to convene a hard working committee but today Russell is a committee of one as he works tirelessly and innovatively for the benefit of the Club. When help is required, a number of short phone calls ensure plenty of volunteer help. There are too many workers to mention



'Three of the best'
Mavis Lancaster, Betty Mitchell and Yvonne Howman
Opening Day 2013



Melbourne Cup Day - More Hats
Rosalie Oliver, Jill Kirkpatrick and Judith Watson
appropriately attired

everyone but over the years Bob Waldron, Alec Weir, Ron Boyce and John Reese have been invaluable to the Works programme. Not just the men are involved as the women's section of the Club often provides welcome refreshments for the workers.



Rolly Crack, John Yates, Lloyd Ewan may not be masterchefs but
you do get plenty of onions and sauce with your meat

Russell and his numerous volunteers were responsible for the establishment of shade shelters on Orchard green in 2003 and the huge shade umbrellas between Laing and Davie erected during this Jubilee year. He devised an adjustable plinth system for the greens which was installed from 2004 on. His working party in 2009 assembled and placed the 96 comfortable seats we

now enjoy around the three greens. The flag pole and advertising hoardings systems devised for international events 2005-08 were simple and ingenious while the removal of the tin fence around the Orchard green was planned as well as any successful military operation.

Among Russell's own highlights is the making and utilisation of a moveable platform to fix pegs and plinth on the Orchard Green and obtaining and erecting the three large flagpoles which are prominent on the Avonhead Road frontage. Russell has always had a good relationship and easy liaison with the greenkeepers – Ken Prebble for over 20 years and since 2008 Glen Miller – and their respective Green Superintendents.

Executives over the years have always supported innovative ideas and any request for the best in materials.

The Works Committee of one and his volunteer army never rest!



Russell and his crew preparing the ground for the large shade umbrellas



Russell Cockcroft's men demolish the Orchard fence 2007



Enjoying the lounge after Festival Bowls

Pavilion Committee

The story of the development of the clubhouse (pavilion) is related earlier in this history. Like other aspects of the Club much is owed to those early members who had the vision and energy to conceive such an excellent facility, develop it and maintain it to a high standard. Leo Crimmins and Bill Cosgriff convened the Pavilion Committee in the mid-1980s before Dave Johnston was appointed convenor in 1988. Dave held this position for 10 years and in his own personable way maintained the clubhouse to a very high standard with his group of helpers. The 1991-93 extension was built during this time. In his 1998 Annual Report entry Dave in his own words described the various phases of his reign as 'the Calmic Kid', 'Janitor Johnston', 'Dunny Dave' and finally the most acceptable to him 'The ABC' (Ablution Block Controller).

The Graham Lowery era as Pavilion Maintenance Convenor began in 1998. Graham had already played a vital role in the maintenance of the pavilion with his proven electrical and practical skills. With the Club being headquarters for National Championships (Women 1999 and Combined Men's and Women's 2004), international events 1998, 2001, 2007-08 including the World Championships, and the earthquakes 2010-12 the maintenance role must have felt like a full-time job at times. In 2010 Graham Lowery was honoured by Bowls NZ with the award of Volunteer of the Year. Dozens of volunteers have helped maintain the pavilion over the years including Tim Lynch, Eric Jarvis, Bruce Wallace and Don Thurlow among others. Tony Bennett has long served the Club as cleaner and in his absences another group of willing volunteers has always stepped in to help. The current committee of Graham Lowery, Tim Lynch, Brian Clarkson and Ron Boyce can expect more pressure as World Bowls 2016 looms.

Graham Lowery – Pavilion Maintenance Convenor

Doug Graham a former club bar manager introduced me to Burnside in 1986 and from then on I was to follow my uncle and founder member Ernie Dumbleton into the club volunteer workforce. Some 16 years ago I inherited the Pavilion Maintenance Convenor's role from Dave Johnston and it is a position I hold to this day. Maintaining and upgrading such a large sporting complex has been challenging, but with the support and help of many willing volunteers we have an asset we can be proud of. I am grateful for the support of past committees, fellow helpers and a devoted team effort over two decades. The monetary savings to Burnside has been great in the offering of many trade skills and talents.

Major upgrades have included two new kitchens, many joinery projects, improved lighting, heating, security, replacements of tables and chairs, new bar, the continuing redecorating and the pending lift installation. Compliance and minor maintenance issues tend to be ongoing and time consuming. The benefits gained from holding international tournaments and obtaining charity grants are reflected in our quality equipment and furniture. Our maintenance team has continued to complement the other essential operations of our highly successful club. We can all feel proud to wear the Burnside uniform and treasure the many national accolades and awards the Club and its members have achieved over 50 years.

Mention must be made also of the floral displays which so beautifully add to the pleasant environment of the clubhouse. Isabel Smith was responsible for these from amalgamation to 2012. The Women's Section now collectively has taken charge of this role to everyone's benefit.

Communications

Peter Claman began a monthly newsletter in 1990 to keep Club members up to date with news and views around the Club. This was continued by Mort Young in 1992 until his shift to Arrowtown in 1995. Heather Bragg, Alan Vernel and Jim Calder all contributed to the newsletter and on his return Mort again took up the reins. The 2006-07 season saw the birth of Mort Young's Hot Line, which by using the Club's email address book, today reaches over 90% of members and friends of the Club almost instantly with news, requests, team lists and so on. In 2011-12, 87 Hot Lines were posted (the record) with the average each year numbering about 80. Copies for those without computer access are made available at the Club. The Hot Line is a great service.

In 2004 Arjan van Hasselt (AJ) created the Club's first website and has been our webmaster ever since. The site www.burnsidebowlingclub.com has had up to October 2013, over 530,000 visits. The site is followed and praised by bowlers around the world. It is a model site that other clubs seek to emulate with its information on tournaments, club facilities, programme, Club membership, coaching, results, team selections, Executive meetings, photo gallery, sponsors etc. It links to weather forecasts, other bowling clubs, regions and countries and allows members to enter Club events from their homes. Each year starts afresh with the previous year's information accessible in the archives.

The Club's Facebook page is the latest form of social network communication. The page was set up in 2011 by Kerrie Bruce who monitors and manages the page which currently has in excess of 1,600 'friends', with requests coming in on a daily basis.

Often overlooked in any club's communications system is the club historian. Burnside has been fortunate to have had a very capable line up of Club Historians in Ernie Watt, John Turner, Bob Gamblin and Graham Tate who maintained both photographic and written records of the Club. Allan Gainsford and Thelma Kelly, authors of the booklet 'Silver Jubilee Celebrations 1988', also compiled an interesting account of the first 25 years. AJ and the website now record and archive Club activities and members' achievements so together the computer, photo albums, annual reports and written extracts combine to keep us in touch with the past.



Arjan van Hasselt (AJ)
always close to his trusty laptop

Planning Committee

Burnside has always been strong on planning. From time to time a Planning Committee was appointed and worked to good effect. This usually entailed surveying members' opinions, prioritising suggestions and making recommendations to the Executive of the time. An example of this is the 1989 Committee, chaired by Jack Forbes, which surveyed members about formats and fixtures. Their findings were acted on in 1990. This survey also identified the need for a building extension and Project '91' was the result. Len Seear's group in 1990 reviewed the Club's management and Jack Forbes undertook a shelters' survey. As a result a retractable canvas awning was trialled but deemed to be too expensive. In 1991 Elwyn Hay prophetically said "it appears likely that suitable umbrellas will be adopted in the new season". In fact large sun umbrellas were used for many years and four shades were erected on the Orchard green in 2003, but the three shades now in residence between the two front greens take the word 'umbrella' to literally a new height. Warwick Ainger and Ken Judd among others chaired Planning Committees at various times while in 2013 the Executive has appointed an Innovations Sub Committee of Chris Iggo (Chair), Alan Bryce, Mike Small and Isaac Denny. This move augurs well for the future.



Club Social meal at 'Robbies' restaurant



Christmas BBQ and Social - the sunglasses give away the era

Social Committee

Since 1988 a succession of Social Committees has made a huge contribution to the culture of the Club and the enjoyment of members. John Gregory, Bernie Preston, Hamish Ensor, Jack O'Dea, Mort Young, Cyril McKeefry, Alan Vernel, Jan Harmon, Trevor Paterson, Judith Watson and Philippa Johnston are some of those who have all led hard working committees setting up functions for all to enjoy. These include pot luck dinners, Christmas BBQs, theme dinners, trophy nights, mid-winter Christmas Dinners, family bowls and BBQs, and the like. In addition, Mike Small in the 1990s organised golf tournaments at Rangiora and Ellesmere and for several years Geoff Clarke organised and sponsored a very popular evening ten-hole Ambrose stroke tournament followed by dinner and prize giving at the Russley Golf Club. In recent years the Grants Whisky Corner to Corner competition, run by Trevor Paterson and Gordon Watson, has enhanced a series of Friday nights and rewarded those who can draw closer to the far away corner than the rest of the entrants. Since 1990 Club Captains have been very important contributors to the Club's social calendar.



The field gathers for another attempt to nearly reach the opposite ditch

FINANCE, FUNDRAISING and SPONSORSHIP

Housie

In the first half of the Club's history, housie was a major contributor to club funds. In the early 1970s the Bowling Club linked with the Burnside Rugby Club to run weekly housie sessions at the Russley Hotel every Monday. Les Pope drove the Club's participation, assisted by rostered members from Monday mid-week bowls. Initially there were more people than cards and over the years several thousand dollars were raised – estimates are at least \$75,000 in total. Imagine that in today's values. Frank England followed Les and was in turn succeeded by Colin Andrews. Unfortunately, with the introduction of Lotto taking the discretionary dollar and the improvement of television programmes, interest waned. The last house was called in April 1988.

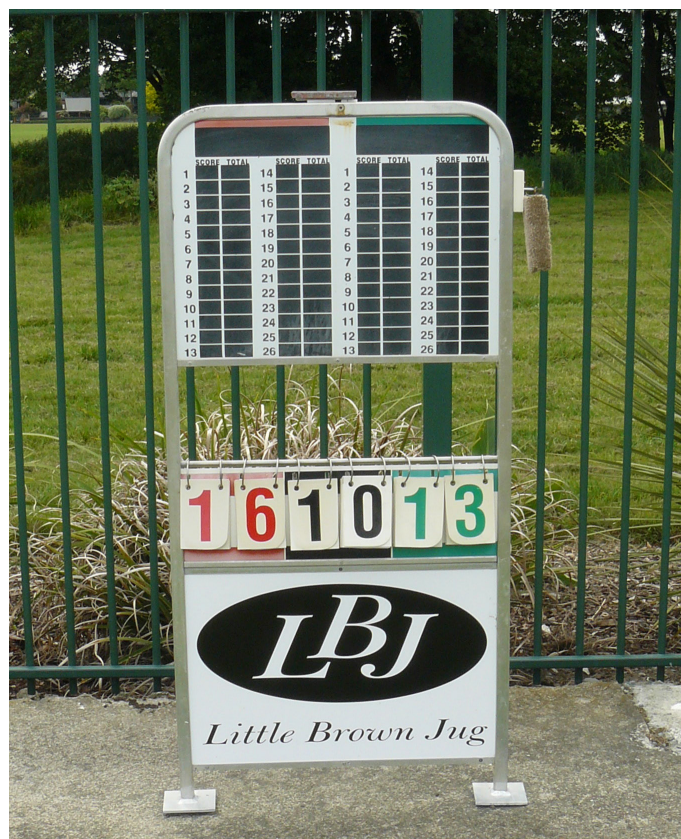
The two Burnside Clubs also worked together selling raffles at the Russley on Saturdays; the Rugby Club in summer, and the Bowling Club in winter – another beneficial collaboration.



Sponsorship board in foyer

Finance and Fundraising Committees

Burnside's finances have always been professionally managed by efficient and diligent Finance Committees. Since 1988 these Committees have been convened in turn by George Muirhead, Bill Andrews, John Conder, Rod Hill, Peter Stumbles and for the last ten years by Warwick Ainger. Each Convenor has worked closely with the treasurer of the day and these combinations have been very effective. Until amalgamation in 1998, the Burnside Women's Club's finances were administered by a succession of capable treasurers and audited before presentation at AGMs. From 1990 these accounts were audited by Roy Martin.



Sponsored Scoreboard

Fundraising in the 1990s was headed by Club Captain Don Williamson who was succeeded in turn by Allan Vernel, Hamish Ensor, Terry Paterson and Barry Bunting.

Sponsorship over the past 25 years has been in the capable hands of Allan Nimmo, Alan Bryce, Allan Vernel, Vince Roper, Warwick Ainger, Peter Doell, Gordon Watson and today Barry Bunting.

Procuring sponsorship and building relationships with sponsors is vital to the viability of the Club. Each open tournament is sponsored as are our 48 scoreboards. Sponsors and members have gifted the Club items such as our flat-screen televisions, tournament clock, computer equipment and raffle prizes. Trusts such as the Canterbury Community Trust, Pub Charity and Eureka Trust among others have all assisted in the purchase of substantial items. For many years Trust applications were the responsibility of Club Secretary and then Club Manager, Ken Haworth. Since 2007 this very important task has been performed by Club Treasurer, Nancy Field.

Raffles

Raffles have been the lifeblood of almost every sporting club and our Club is no exception. Over the past 20 years, raffles on Saturdays have been organised by a number of members including Doug Youl, the Social Committee, Hamish Ensor, Don Williamson, Bob Waldron, Owen Brown, Russ Welsford, Jim Walker and Terry Paterson. Christmas hams, whitebait, meat, money, wine, spirits and even crayfish have been popular prizes. The 100 Club was an accepted fundraiser in the past with half the intake being paid out in prizes and the half going to club funds – a mini version of Lotto! The Women's Section's raffle tables, which are an important aspect of its tournaments and social functions, really are eye openers with overflowing gift baskets and often 30 donated prizes. Mid-week tournaments' and special events' raffles add to this mix but none of them would be successful without numerous volunteers as organisers and sellers.

Gaming Machines

For 16 years from 1989 Tom Wallace did a great job looking after the gaming machines by the bar. Two new poker machines were purchased in 1996 and over the years they and the pokies players added a considerable sum to Club funds e.g. \$12,000 in 2001 and \$13,000 in 2004.

Compliance and Internal Affairs requirements, computerisation and cost of new machines resulted in the decision to quit the two machines. The gaming machines in many sporting clubs in 2005 met the same fate for the same reasons and Tom got his Monday mornings back!

Other fundraising methods are varied and in many cases innovative. Biennial garage sales have featured since 1992 when organised by Hamish Ensor and Steve Cruse, the sale realised \$5,300 in profit. After this initial success (most of the good stuff cleared from the garage) the sales resulted in profits of \$2,000 to \$3,000. The collection of sale items, testing of electrical goods, the sorting, the pricing, the bargaining and selling and, worst of all the disposal of left overs took a great deal of time, energy and patience from dozens of volunteers. Sounds like a stressful activity but Burnside's garage sales are regarded as good fun, produced a lot of stories (some true), lots of quirky sales goods, books to browse through, memories of yesteryear and often real bargains. The rise and rise of 'Trade Me' has removed some of the better items and analogue television sets are no longer sought after. Despite this the Club garage sale continues to raise invaluable funds.

For major projects, debentures have been sought, gained and paid back to members. The bent pipe, sales table of fertiliser and plants, hire of the facilities and greens, regular 'tenants' (Rotary, Yoga and the Gordon Scouts) and profitable visiting tournaments (Probus, Farmers, Canterbury Licensed Trade and Bacardi Tournaments) all assist Burnside to remain a sustainable and viable Club.

Doug Youl selling the winning ticket to Colin James
at mid week tournament



NOT JUST A BOWLING CLUB

Art@Burnside

Art@Burnside was the brain child of Estelle Jarvis and Avis Fitzpatrick. It just so happens that both Estelle and Avis are practising artists. A plan was hatched and they did the Kiwi thing and formed a committee – Arjan van Hasselt, Pam Clark, Mort Young and Ken Wilson-Pyke joined in and the first exhibition was held in late April 2011. Ken Reid took over publicity and marketing the following year.

Many people have asked why an art exhibition and sale? After all this is a bowling club! Estelle and Avis recognised that there was a gap in the art exhibition calendar and that this initiative would give local artists a further opportunity to display and hopefully sell their artwork. The bowling club aims to serve as a community club so this project gave an opportunity to introduce its facilities to a much wider audience and at the same time fundraise for the Club. The February 2011 earthquake raised some doubt about continuance but this exhibition was seen as a chance to inject some light, colour, variety and creativity into a rather bleak period in Christchurch's history. Over seventy local artists, including guest artists Sarah Deans and John Brasell supported the first event and this pattern continued in the next exhibitions in 2012 and 2013. Each year over 500 artworks light up the lounge and dining room; all professionally displayed for an appreciative audience. This event has raised \$19,000 for the Club in its three years so far. Like most Burnside initiatives it wouldn't be successful without the help of dozens of Club volunteers. Burnside will be the home of the annual Art@Burnside exhibition and sale event for years to come.



Avis Fitzpatrick and her art work



Arjan van Hasselt and his art panel

Bridge Club

The Bridge Club was started in 1992 by Ray Davey and Gil Day as a means of keeping Club members in touch over winter. The first year coincided with the extension to the lounge and the club played upstairs at the Burnside Rugby Club. Ray and Gil coached learners while Bob Burns was a popular director/referee and was assisted by Dwight Thietin, Daphne Jenkins and Elizabeth Ollivier. June Wellsford who acted as convenor 1994-2001 was followed by Peggy Calder, Colin and June Andrews and the current convenor June Bisman.

Seven or eight tables of players gather each winter Tuesday in the upstairs Committee room and over the years the Bridge Club has contributed much to the Bowling Club in terms of camaraderie and funding.



No peeking! Bridge Club at play.
Colin Andrews facing the camera

Walking Groups

Thursday Walking Group – ‘the Elite Walking Group’

The Thursday Walking Group took their first steps in 1987. The ‘originals’ were Dave Norrie, Gwyn Richards, Arthur Laban and Jack Wood. Bob Waldron, Peter Carter, Gil Day, Colin Andrews, Doug Youl and Mort Young were quickly recruited and the group later renamed itself the ‘Elite Walking Group’ to distinguish it from the Tuesday Group.

Peter Carter reflects....

At the beginning we assembled at the Racecourse Hotel and after our walks we had a drink and solved all the problems of the world. This tradition continues today but at the Bowling Club each Thursday afternoon. I was appointed Treasurer to collect money (\$1/week and later with inflation \$5/month) for our annual dinner and later for our trips away. The earthquakes interrupted these trips and they are now pay-as-you-go ventures. Early on each member, on a rotational basis, was given \$6 to bet on the races. We lost often but had one notable collect of \$64.

We roamed each Thursday covering much of Christchurch City and as far afield as Ashburton, Darfield and Leithfield. We even climbed Mt Herbert twice. Trips away started in 1995. These have all been very enjoyable but the first to Blackball where we stayed in the Blackball Hilton was especially memorable. It was extremely cold at Arthur’s Pass and Gwyn produced a bottle of whisky to warm us up. Another tradition began.

Trips away have included exotic destinations such as Blackball, Karamea, Akaroa, Hanmer, Hokitika, Reefton, Geraldine, Kaikoura, Twizel, Westport, Waimate, Lake Brunner, Blenheim and Alexandra. Every one a gem!

Over the years more than 40 bowlers have walked with this group. Members have changed as time has taken its toll but the ‘Elite Walking Group’ keeps walking on!



Pick the relic!

Tim Lynch, Graham Lowery, Doug Youl, Len Seear & friend

Tuesday Walking Group

The Tuesday Walking Group is made up of Burnside Bowling Club men who enjoy walking weekly on the many tracks around Christchurch, on the Port Hills, Banks Peninsula and the Canterbury foothills. At present seven or eight walkers participate each week. Favourite walks locally include Godley Head, Rakaia Gorge, Mt Grey, Mt Herbert, Bealey Spur, Packhorse Hut, the Crater Rim, Diamond Harbour and Tiromoana.

There are no rules, subs or officials but minutes of each walk are written and read while birthdays are celebrated. The group is motivated by companionship, fitness, uplifting conversation and opinions (some quite sensible), and the great views gained from the hill tops.

This all started in 1994 when Tom Brankin and Dave Johnston walked the Sumner-Taylors Mistake track. Within a year they were joined by Rod Maxwell, Len Seear, Don Bisman, Terry Neale and Norm Clifton. Since then there has been a steady revolving door of 25 members – including legendary walkers such as Jack Carter, Len Seear, Norm Clifton and Des Fitzpatrick – while eight have graduated to the Thursday Group. Numbers are dictated by age, fitness, availability and desire.

A feature has been the annual extended walks this group has undertaken resulting in trips to the Abel Tasman National Park, Punakaiki, the Queen Charlotte Walkway, the Hurunui High Country Walkway and the Kaikoura Coastal Walkway. Present day members are Geoff Clarke, Eric Jarvis, Cliff Johns, Terry Neale, Ken Reid, Graham Tate, Bruce Wallace and Ken Wilson-Pyne.



Cliff Johns & Des Fitzpatrick on Bealey Spur Hut track



The ‘Elite’ group at the Blackball Hilton
Peter Carter, Arthur Laban,
Jack Wood, Doug Youl,
Colin Andrews, Bob Waldron,
Dave Norrie and
Gwyn Richards



'Elite' group at Furneaux Lodge. Arrived by boat!



Tuesday group on Queen Charlotte Track - 36km gone, 36km to go

EPILOGUE

A lot has happened since this book was sent to the printer.

December 2013

In late December Chris Iggo skipped his Junior Four of Peter Kearney, Michael Haseman and James Haseman to victory in the final of the Centre Interclub Junior Fours Division 1 competition. This was a repeat success for Chris as he had skipped the Burnside Four that had won the Division 2 Junior Fours competition in 2012.

It was then the women's turn. Just before Christmas the Burnside Women's Seven caused a major upset by deservedly winning the Centre's BNZ National Interclub Sevens Division 1 competition. Team members were Tayla Bruce (singles), Kay Wallace and Kirsten Rowe (pairs), Rosemary Harper, Philippa Johnston, Estelle Jarvis and Pam Clark (fours) with Jan Harmon as manager and cheer leader. The win in the local final over the Canterbury Club qualifies the team to represent Bowls Canterbury in the Region 5 playoff at Greymouth in March 2014 against the top sevens team from each of the Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast and Buller Centres. Success at Greymouth would lead to the National Final at Palmerston North in late March.



Winners All: (L-R) Rosemary Harper, Pam Clark, Estelle Jarvis, Philippa Johnston, Kirsten Rowe, Tayla Bruce, Jan Harmon (Manager) and Kay Wallace. Winners of the Centre's Division 1 BNZ Sevens competition

January 2014

January 4, 2014 will be a date that Tayla Bruce, her family, friends and fans remember for a long time. During the previous week Tayla had qualified for post section play in both the Singles and Pairs events at the National Open Championships held on the Dunedin Centre's greens. It was the Singles that caught every one's attention. As she won each round interest around the Club heightened. We knew how good she could play as we had seen in her victory in the Centre Open Singles in November. As she won her quarterfinal, and then semi-final against former NZ representative Clare McCaul the belief grew



Another one on the kitty; Tayla Bruce in the Women's Open Singles Final at the Taieri Club. Helen King in background.



Tayla speaking to the crowd after the Singles Final during the presentations

and grew. In the Final Tayla started slowly against Helen King from the Victoria Club in Wellington and although she rallied strongly in the later ends lost the Final 21-14 to a worthy winner, who incidentally won the award for Most Consistent Player at the Nationals. Those Burnside members who travelled south to the Final were extremely proud to wear their Club jackets and sit in front of the Burnside flag as they watched their young star play so well in her first but surely not last appearance in a National Final.

Less than a week later another young woman flying the Burnside banner stepped into the limelight. Mandy Boyd shifted from Wellington to Christchurch in November 2013. Mandy, although only 23, is an established Black Jack who had won a fours gold medal at the Six Nations tournament in 2012 held in Adelaide. She then won a silver medal in the triples at the 2012 World Bowls Championships in Adelaide. Mandy had already been in four finals at previous National Championships – winning the fours in 2010 and being runner up in each of the singles, pairs and fours at the same Nationals in 2011. Mandy joined Burnside four weeks before the Nationals started, coming to us from the Johnsonville Club. Skipping her young composite team on the Taieri green, Mandy won her second Fours National title, in an exciting, close game. It is hoped that her association with Burnside brings Mandy much success as World Bowls 2016 looms on the horizon.

The Canterbury Junior Singles Championships were held early in the New Year. These were notable for Burnside in that three of our juniors – Chris Iggo, Kevin Rowe and James Haseman reached the last eight while James went on to defend his 2013 title in the Final but was unsuccessful.

The teams to contest the 2014 Trans-Tasman test series to be played at the Traralgon Bowling Club in Melbourne in March were announced after the National Championships. Mandy Boyd has been selected to skip the Women's Triple and Four in the Black Jacks. Tayla Bruce will be the lead in the Triple and second in the Four in the Under 25/Development team while Caitlyn Bassett was named lead in the Pair and third in the Four for the Under 18 test side.

Cait is a new name to most at Burnside even though she joined the Club as a secondary school student member in September 2012. She presently lives near Ashburton and plays her bowls at the Allenton Club. Cait is a regular visitor to the Burnside greens where she takes full advantage of Cushla McGillivray's excellent coaching.

With the oldest of these three only 23 years of age, and with the talents that they possess New Zealand and Burnside bowls can look forward to the future with great confidence. We wish them every success in their respective test series in Australia.

Any further achievements after 30 January, 2014 will be recorded in the 75th Jubilee booklet of 2038!!!



Mandy Boyd in action at the 2013-14 Nationals at the Taieri Club.

Mens Section : Membership List 2013 - 2014

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★ Member in 1988

AINGER	Warwick	★ Fu	DENNY	Isaac	Fu	KIRKPATRICK	Michael	★ Fu
ALEXANDRE	Pierre	Fu	DENT	Lou	Fu	LAWSON	Gary	As
ALLEN	Peter	★ So	DICKEY	Grant	Fu	LAWTON	Bill	Fu
ALTY	Evan	Ho	DICKSON	Rob	Fu	LINDSAY	John	Fu
ANDERSEN	Neil	Fu	DOELL	Peter	Fu	LLOYD	Steve	Fu
ANDREWS	Bill	So	ELLIS	Grant	Fu	LOWERY	Graham	★ Fu
ANDREWS	Colin	★ Ho	EWAN	Lloyd	Fu	LYALL	Donald	Fu
ANGLAND	Peter	Fu	FALCHI	Paul	Fu	LYE	Tony	So
ARMSTRONG	Graeme	Fu	FIELD	Russell	So	LYNCH	Tim	Fu
AUSTIN	Philip	Fu	FORD	Raymond	As	MANNING	Selwyn	Fu
BALCH	Ken	★ Fu	FOWLIE	Bill	Fu	MCCLELLAND	Don	Fu
BARTOSH	Peter	Fu	FYALL	Graeme	So	MCDERMOTT	Roy	Fu
BEECROFT	Paul	Fu	GAMBLIN	Bob	★ So	MCEWING	Steve	So
BELL	Ross	Fu	GOODMAN	Benny	So	MCFARLANE	Keith	Fu
BENNETT	Tony	Fu	GORE	Kevin	Fu	MCGILLIVRAY	Neil	As
BISMAN	Don	★ Li	GRAINGER	Alex	★ Fu	MCNISH	Bruce	Fu
BONHAM	Pat	Fu	GREGORY	John	★ So	MEACLEM	Grant	Fu
BONHAM	Ryan	Fu	GUEST	Lloyd	★ Fu	MOORE	Brian	Fu
BOYCE	Ron	Fu	HALL	Peter	Fu	MORRISON	Peter	★ So
BROWN	Alistair	Fu	HAMILTON	Steven	Fu	MUIR	Alan	Fu
BROWN	Andrew	Fu	HANGER	Lyn	★ Fu	MUIRHEAD	George	★ So
BRUCE	Richard	Fu	HARMON	Kevin	Fu	MURPHY	Michael	Fu
BRYCE	Alan	★ Fu	HARPER	Murray	★ Fu	NEALE	Terry	★ So
BUNTING	Barry	Fu	HASEMAN	James	St	NEWTON	Rod	★ Fu
BURNEY	Brian	Fu	HASEMAN	Michael	Fu	NICOLL	George	Fu
CAMPBELL	John	So	HAWKE	John	Fu	NIEUWDORP	Len	Fu
CARTER	Jack	Fu	HAWORTH	Ken	★ Li	NIMMO	Allan	★ Ho
CARTER	Peter	★ Fu	HAWTHORNE	Mark	So	NOBLE	John	So
CHIA	Vincent	Fu	HAY	John	So	O'DEA	Jack	Fu
CLARK	Jeff	Fu	HEAPPEY	Bruce	Fu	OCKOCK	Ken	Fu
CLARK	Robert	Fu	HEMPSTALK	Wayne	Fu	OLIVER	Harry	So
CLARKE	Geoff	Fu	HILL	Murray	Fu	OVENS	Keith	Fu
CLARKSON	Brian	Fu	IGGO	Christopher	Fu	PATERSON	Terry	Fu
COCKROFT	Russell	★ Fu	INNES-JONES	David	Fu	PATERSON	Trevor	★ Fu
CONDER	John	Fu	JACQUES	Jim	Fu	PEARCE	Graeme	So
CONNOLLY	Denis	Fu	JAMES	Colin	Fu	PHILPOTT	Darryl	So
CORNELIUS	Neil	Fu	JARVIS	Eric	Fu	POSTHUMUS	Bill	Fu
COSGRIFF	Bill	★ So	JOHNS	Cliff	Fu	PREBBLE	Ken	★ Ho
COSTER	Bob	Fu	JOHNSTON	Dave	★ Ho	PRICE	Alex	Fu
COUNIHAN	Brian	Fu	JUDD	Ken	★ Fu	QUINN	Peter	Fu
CRACK	Rolly	Fu	KEARNEY	Peter	Fu	QUINN	Terence	Fu
CRIMMINS	Leo	★ Fu	KERR	Paul	Fu	RABBETTE	Michael	Fu
CROMBIE	David	Fu	KHOURI	Dave	★ Fu	REES	Graeme	★ Fu
CROY	Murray	Fu	KING	Wing	Fu	REESE	John	★ Fu
DELL	Tony	★ Fu	KININMONT	Bill	Fu	REID	Ken	Fu

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REYNOLDS	Mike	Fu	ABEL	Gillian	As	REID	Rhonda	Fu
RICHARD	Low	Fu	ALEXANDRE	Helen	Fu	ROSE	Anthea	★ So
RODGERS	Merv	★ Fu	ANDREWS	June	★ Ho	ROWE	Kirsten	Fu
ROSS	John	Fu	BASSETT	Caitlyn	St	SCHUMACHER	Elizabeth	Fu
ROWE	Kevin	Fu	BOYD	Mandy	St	SEEAR	Pat	★ Fu
SEALBY	Maurice	★ Fu	BROWN	Karen	Fu	SMITH	Isabel	So
SEEAR	Len	★ Fu	BRUCE	Kerrie	Fu	STEELE	Marjory	★ Li
SIVERTSEN	Peter	Fu	BRUCE	Tayla	St	TURNER	Brenda	Fu
SLATTERY	Bryan	Fu	BUNTING	Gaynor	Fu	WALLACE	Kay	Fu
SMALL	Michael	★ Fu	CASSIDY	Robyn	Fu	WATSON	Judith	Fu
SOPER	Graeme	So	CHAW	Sue	Fu	WEIR	Margaret	★ Fu
SQUIRE	Laurie	Fu	CLARK	Pam	Fu	WELSFORD	June	★ So
STRAKER	Dave	Fu	CLARKE	Shirley	Fu	WILKINSON	Alex	St
STUMBLES	Peter	So	CRIMMINS	Nyra	★ Fu	WILLIAMSON	Barbara	★ So
SULLIVAN	Phil	Fu	CROMBIE	Pat	Fu			
SWITALLA	John	Fu	CROY	Leonie	So			
SYKES	Michael	Fu	DAVIDSON	Judy	Fu			
TATE	Graham	Fu	DIVER	Myra	Fu			
TEMPLETON	Colin	Fu	FIELD	Nancy	Fu			
TEMPLETON	Neville	So	FITZPATRICK	Avis	Fu			
TERRINONI	Alessandro	Fu	FLINT	Francis	Fu			
THOMPSON	Joshua	St	GAMBLIN	Judy	So			
THURLOW	Don	Fu	GRAY	Margaret	Fu			
TOPLIS	Thomas	So	HANTZ	Valmai	So			
TRENGROVE	Jack	Fu	HARMON	Jan	Fu			
VAN HASSELT	Arjan	Fu	HARPER	Rosemary	Fu			
VERNEL	Allan	Fu	HAWORTH	Lyn	As			
WAKEFIELD	Bruce	Fu	HAY	Kathleen	★ So			
WALDRON	Bob	★ Ho	HAYTON	Liz	As			
WALI	Graham	Fu	HOWMAN	Yvonne	★ Fu			
WALKER	Jim	Fu	JARVIS	Estelle	Fu			
WALLACE	Bruce	Fu	JENKINS	Daphne	★ Ho			
WALLACE	Tom	★ So	JOHNSTON	Philippa	Fu			
WATSON	Gordon	Fu	KIRKPATRICK	Jill	Fu			
WEIR	Alec	★ Fu	LANCASTER	Mavis	★ Fu			
WELSH	Mac	So	LESTER	Averil	So			
WEST	Norm	Li	MCCARTHY	Jill	Fu			
WHEELER	Graeme	Fu	MCGILLIVRAY	Cushla	Fu			
WILLIAMS	Barry	Fu	MITCHELL	Betty	★ Fu			
WILSON-PYNE	Ken	★ Fu	MOORE	Sandy	Fu			
YATES	John	Fu	MURPHY	Beryl	Fu			
YEP NG	Hong	Fu	MURRAY	Phyl	Fu			
YOUL	Doug	★ Fu	O'BRIEN	Elizabeth	Fu			
YOUNG	Mort	★ Li	OLIVER	Rosalie	Fu			
			PALMER	Jill	Fu			

BURNSIDE HISTORY

Ever wondered why Burnside Bowling Club, Burnside Rugby Club and Burnside High School all have the cabbage tree as the focus of their respective logos?

In the 1800s there were few prominent landmarks on the rather featureless Canterbury Plains. One was a significant stand of ti kouka (cabbage trees) about three kilometres north of Riccarton, now growing in the grounds of Burnside High School. These trees were known to early Maori as Te Herenga Ora and were used by Maori and the early settlers as a landmark as they made their way north, west and south and to guide them between the Riccarton and Papanui swamps.

The cabbage trees have therefore become the symbol of the Burnside district.



Thank you to all who have contributed to this book with text, photos and memories. We owe special thanks to past Club Historians for their photographic and data records of the Club's progress since 1963 to the present. Most of the more recent photos come from the camera of Arjan van Hasselt. We acknowledge Arjan's skill as a photographer and his willingness to contribute to this history.

Our intention is to compile for current and former members a record of the Club's first 50 years; to honour the legacy left to us by past members, as well as to leave a snapshot of today's Club for those who will follow us. Hopefully the 100th Jubilee Committee will find this information helpful in compiling the 1963-2063 history of the Burnside Bowling Club. It just might not be in book form!



Ken Reid and Ken Wilson-Pyne

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