

Good Neighbours' Cup 2021

On Saturday afternoon, 27 February, 32 players from each of the Burnside and Bowls Papanui Clubs met on the Condell Avenue green to decide the 2021 winter resting place of the Good Neighbours' Cup.

First played for in 1978, when Bowls Papanui took the honours, this was the 32nd playing of this contest. With 20 previous victories Burnside looked to extend its advantage. This was not to be! Each club selected eight teams of four as their representatives and each team played two games of nine ends duration. The day was fine, the green played well and after 16 very competitive games the score was eight wins each. Burnside led 5-3 after the first round and could see the cup back in the trophy cabinet. Not to be outdone Bowls Papanui fought back and reversed the result in the second round to win it 5-3. Games were tied eight apiece; what to do? Luckily cards were kept and the 144 ends that were played were counted with the hosts worthy winners 8 games and 73 ends won to the visitors 8 games and 71 ends won. This enjoyable afternoon was capped off with a very well received afternoon tea where Burnside's Executive representative, Alistair Salt, presented and returned the cup to Papanui's President, Ken Patterson.

For the trivial pursuits players seven of the eight Burnside teams won at least one of their games while Barry Bunting's Four of Gaye Boyd, Evan Owens and Brian Burney starred by winning both their games. Many thanks are due to Papanui's Allan Peart for his organisation of this event and to Neil Anderson for managing Burnside's team. Looking forward to next season's fixture.....

Meanwhile back home on the Davie Green 20 players took part in the weekly Organised Roll Up/Festival Bowls. Competition was keen and surprisingly no one won three games. When the dust settled Merv Rodgers emerged from the pack with two wins and a draw to head off 10 other two-winners. Kay Smythe was the best of the rest closely followed in order by Ray Moody, Linda Burr, Sharyn Pryde, Beryl Murphy and Helen Moody all of whom won prizes on a very pleasant afternoon.