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Men's Club Championships survey

Hamish Wilson, the chair of the Men's match committee thanks the 58 members for contributing their thoughts as to how / when men's club championships will be run this coming season. Here are the results:

- 1) 80% of respondents wanted to play club 4s pre-Christmas.
- 2) Only 15% of respondents were concerned about entry into the Champion of Champion Triples.
- 3) 55% of respondents preferred to play on a Saturday
- 4) 65% of respondents wanted club singles and pairs to remain by own arrangement.
- 5) 50% of respondents were in favor of moving club triples to a weeknight while 50% were against.
- 6) The data on which weeknight suggested that Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday were the favoured nights amongst those in favour but results were not conclusive due to the data pool not being large enough.
- 7) 75% of respondents supported reducing the number of ends played for the men's club pairs with 60% supporting 18 ends. A suggestion was also made that only the later stages of the competition play the full 21 ends.
- 8) 70% of respondents supported a feature match each week.
- 9) Was a mixed bag in regard to playing on long weekends but the strongest vote was to avoid long weekends.

Based on the above results, a number of changes are proposed for the 2020/2021 season.

- Men's Triples will now be played Saturday afternoons in February and March with no progression to Champion of Champions. Note this change is only proposed for this current season and will be reviewed prior to next season.
- Men's Pairs will reduce to 18 ends for the early rounds, returning to 21 ends for the Quarters, Semis and Final (e.g. from the semi-final stage on each side of the butterfly system)
- There will be no men's club play on labour weekend or Canterbury anniversary weekend.
- Men's Fours and Triples will be played exclusively on Saturday afternoons.
- Play of a feature match each week will be examined for practicality.
- Mixed pairs to be played on Sunday 29th November.
- Under 8s 2x4x2 mixed pairs to be played Sunday 7th March.
- Handicap pairs will play Sunday afternoons in February and March.

Should you wish to provide any feedback on the proposed changes, this can be done by emailing hotmail.co.nz.





















2019/2020 Season Trophy presentations

Come along at 4.30pm this Saturday to collect your trophy or acknowledge those who have won a club championship. Light refreshments will be served after the completion of the trophy presentations.

Bar Duty

The roster for next week is as follows.

Monday August 10 4.00 to 6.00 pm - Jack O'Dea (Shift Manager for the week)

Friday August 14 4.00 to 6.30 pm - Paul Kerr Saturday August 15 4.00 to 6.30 pm - Brad Sinclair

Getting to know your Executive

A new light-hearted look at your executive. First up is our new Vice President Bruce Wakefield.

Brief family description

Grew up in Pareora, South Canterbury, Mum & Dad had 7 children, 3 sets of Twins included

Your current and / or present work highlights

Presently working at Beds R Us Christchurch

How long have you been playing bowls and when / how did you get started

Began playing Bowls in 1984 after blowing my achillies playing tennis. 1st club St Andrews.

What book are you reading or have just finished -

John Grisham, The Whistler.

What kept you busy doing lockdown or anything new that you tried.

Cycling every day during lock down, safer than walking.

Banned to a desert island (with power and a TV) what 3 DVD movies would you take with you.

Forrest Gump, Rambo, Castaway

Favourite music?

70's & 80's popular music

Anything not covered above that you would like to share with us?

Be the best you can be, Dreams can come true ;-)

Late Breaking News

Bowls NZ have announced a 13 strong Blackjacks squad alongside six emerging players, in preparation for the 2021 World Bowls championships on the Gold Coast and with an eye to the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Congratulations to Tayla, a well-deserved selection (Editor)

Blackjacks squad (Now-December 2021)

Women: Jo Edwards, Katelyn Inch, Val Smith, Tayla Bruce, Debbie White, Selina Smith and Clare Hendra.

Men: Shannon McIlroy, Ali Forsyth, Gary Lawson, Mike Kernaghan, Andrew Kelly and Chris Le Lievre.

Emerging players squad (Now-December 2021)

Women: Bronwyn Stevens, Lisa Prideaux and Leeane Poulson.

Men: Seamus Curtin, Sheldon Bagrie-Howley and Raymond Martin.

Umpire's Corner

Due to space limitations this week this popular segment will reappear next week.