

### **President's Trophy and Prostate Cancer Foundation NZ Charity Day, 24/4/2021**

Saturday afternoon saw the last action on the Burnside greens for the 2020-2021 season. The afternoon started with a long conga line of players, each clutching two bowls, eager to show their skill (or otherwise) in the Corner to Corner competition. The winning three bowls (from 120 delivered) finished within 12 centimetres of the far corner. This was one of the best displays seen for many years!

**Results 1. Lyn Martin. 2. Hamish Wilson 3. Jill Lee from 57 others.**

Ninety members entered for the **President's Trophy** playing on 15 rinks in 2-bowl triples, Festival Bowls format, three games each of seven ends, competition. Players enjoyed pleasant overhead conditions on two excellent greens expertly prepared by green keeper Glen Miller. This was one of Glen's final gifts to Burnside before he moves to the Stoke Club in Nelson. The other gift was his speech at his farewell later in the afternoon.

Twelve players deservedly won all three of their games. Luckily members had generously donated 12 bottles of wine for the event so all twelve went home with a prize. The winning trophy winner consisted of the first skip, first second and the first lead. Runners up were the second skip, second second and the second lead and so on - i.e. virtual teams formed after the event.

**Results: 1. Penny Pat (S), Richard Mitchell, Kay Smythe 2. Geoff Clarke (S), Bruce Wallace, Michael Mehaffey 3. Selwyn Manning (S), Dave Wilson, Jayden Owens**  
**Other 3-winners were Ron Boyce, Millie Knox and Murray Harper**

It was then upstairs to the lounge where President Brenda Turner presented the proceeds of the tournament, Corner to Corner, donations, raffle profits and the auction of 2 tickets to the Crusaders/Blues match - \$771 in total – to the Vice President of the Prostate Cancer Foundation, Chris Jones.

### **Glen's Farewell**

Then it was on to Glen's farewell. After a glowing introduction by Greens' Superintendent John Reese, Brenda presented Glen with some necessities for his shift to Stoke – a box of tissues, a new pair of flash jandals, a Burnside programme so he would remember what we did this year, a packet of coffee, a Burnside playing shirt and a bundle of petrol vouchers. Glen's partner, Angie, was also presented with a lovely bunch of flowers. It was then Glen's turn and he took the mike with relish for as he said "I don't get this chance very often". His speech was without notes and he ranged far and wide in a philosophical oration which included thanks to Club members and Angie, his reasons why, what now, what next and what's after that. Brenda was often brought to her feet. Glen finished to a heartfelt standing

ovation from everyone in the room. He will be greatly missed at Burnside though I'm sure we will look forward to seeing him often in the future at this Club.

After a drinks break with savouries and food thanks to the work of Philippa Johnston, Jan Harmon and their helpers, Trevor Paterson took the mike and drew the winners of the raffles and held a silent auction for the rugby tickets. A stranger might have been bemused by what happened next; a hundred standing people holding on to either their own heads or bottoms. A coin toss and half the room sat down and the standees changed or not changed their choice of what to hang on to. Suddenly a hush, two left standing, both rather sheepishly holding their heads. The coin was tossed, the call was tails, Trev gave up and both got second in this strange and spiritual ritual.

### **Presentation of Cups and Trophies**

The Finale suddenly was on us. The presentation to the winners (and sometimes the runners up) of the Cups and Trophies that we had played for during the season. A number of the winners appeared quite often, others just once or twice but most of the gathering sat unmoving in their seats. Everyone however applauded appropriately in good spirits and good humour. This was a happy occasion and the winners deserved their rewards while others cast their minds back to "if only and what if" but quickly banished those thoughts to be replaced with "next season....."

Throughout all this AJ was in his element. He had even got a mention from Glen about the quality of his watch. His camera recorded the whole event for posterity and his photos can be seen on the new website – click on Who What and When, click on Photo Gallery, and then go to 2020-2021.

### **What Next?**

The season at Burnside is finished! But Glen will still be around for a week or so; we have our new green keeper, Jamey Ferris, to meet, welcome and introduce ourselves to; Richard Hocking has his Centre Singles semi-final and hopefully final to play at Belfast this coming Sunday morning; winter bowls will attract many to the dining room; as will the bar on Monday, Friday and Saturday nights; the walkers will meet here on Thursdays while the Tuesday group will be on the coast or on the hills; others will be playing in tournaments on artificial greens while still others will be heading to Queensland to get ready for the 2021-2022 season.

Whatever your plans – winter well, take care, go well and we will all will look forward to the new season in mid September at the Burnside Bowling Club.