# Hot Line Number 205 - 9 September 2021

# President's Covid update

We are relieved to hear that the South Island continues to be free of COVID, and we are grateful to be re-gaining some freedoms in Delta Alert Level 2.

### The Big Decisions this week:

Following the latest update from Government regarding rules of COVID Delta Alert Level 2, decisions have been made regarding this coming weekend.

- Sadly, the official Opening of the 2021-2022 Season will not be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>. We usually have around 100 people attend and this is just not feasible under the current restrictions.
- Even though the greens and grounds are looking great, the greens are closed until official notification.
- Anyone not feeling well or having any cold/flu symptoms should stay at home. To keep safe, wearing a mask is a good idea, and remember to wash your hands, sanitise etc.
- All members and visitors to the club need to sign in with the QR code or the paper register to record their attendance.
- The bar will be open this Friday and Saturday from 4pm-6.30pm, with numbers limited to 50 people in the lounge. Derry Johnston will liaise with Richard Mitchell, Mike Weeks, Hamish Wilson, and John de Freitas regarding appropriate arrangements. The bar staff should wear a mask.
- Indoor Bowls will not be played due to Level 2 spacing indoors.
- The Programme books are running a bit later than usual due to workplace restrictions but should be available later next week. We will let you know when they arrive.

# Looking forward:

We were looking forward to getting together on Saturday to celebrate the beginning of the new season of bowls so there is a bit of disappointment. However, there is a chance that we will be able to play on the greens on the 18<sup>th</sup> September, dependant on conditions and any new rules about mixing and mingling. If we are able to play bowls with limited numbers, we could have a brief low key 'Opening' outside, with the flag raising, and if necessary, the whole event can be outside, with masks if desired and / or required. Where there is a will, there is a way. We need to see what next week brings in the way of COVID updates and the next Hotline will outline the latest plan about 'Opening' and playing bowls.

### **Club Uniforms**

Millie Knox, our Club Clothing Convenor, will be at the club this Saturday (11<sup>th</sup>) from 11am to 12 noon to distribute club uniforms to our new Burnside members, i.e., club shirt, jacket etc.

Some people noted issues with their green club shirt last season, (faulty seam stitching), if you need your shirt repaired, make sure your name is attached to the shirt, along with a note to say what the problem is. Millie will have a box outside the club door this Saturday while she is at the club, and will endeavour to get the shirt repaired and back to you before the first bowls are played.

# **Special Celebrations this week:**

- Pat Seear had her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on Monday
- Club Captain, Lloyd Ewan had his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday
- Alan Bryce joined Burnside so long ago that this season will be his 50<sup>th</sup> year as a valued member!
- The new fridge is in the downstairs kitchen















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# **Umpire's Corner**



### Question (LXVI)

When the umpire is inspecting the bowls before the start of a Fours game, he notices that one player has bowls from two different sets. What action should he take?

#### Answer

Advise the player that playing with two different bowls is not permissible as both bowls must be from the same set. (Law{son} 52.1.9)

# Question (LXVII)

A player decides to play a short bowl as a 'blocker'. It finishes very short of the head but still within the boundaries of the rink. The opposing skip calls for an umpire. What should the umpire's procedure be?

# **Match Committee**

Entries for the men's club fours will open tomorrow. We apologise for the delay in opening entries as we waited to see what happened with Covid 19.

Entries for this event are due to close in just over two weeks on the 24th September. You can enter through the traditional means of placing your name on the entry sheet in the men's Match room or by clicking on the survey link attached to the email part of this hotline.

Playing dates for this event are:

Round 1 - 02 October 10am Round 2 - 02 October 130pm

Round 3 - 16 October 1.30pm Round 4 - 6 November 10am

Quarter final - 22 January 1.30pm Semi-final - 12th February 1.30pm

Final - 13th February 10am Reserve days - 29th and 30th January

### **Bar Roster**

The roster for next week is as follows

Monday13th SeptemberBarry Williams4.00 to 6.15pmFriday17th SeptemberPam Clarke4.00pm to 6.30pmSaturday18th SeptemberPhil Black, Kevin Rowe4.00pm to 6.30pm

# Sponsors of the week



Having difficulty hearing?? Sam Sloane at Bellbird is ready to solve your problem.



Yes, you can now enjoy that coffee you have been recently denied.

Avonhead Black and White look forward to seeing you.

# IT update

Congratulations to AJ for the developing the online entry system for tournament Click on "" Enter Burnside Tournaments"" TAB on the home page. Another IT development for the benefit of Burnside

# From the Editor's desk

Quote of the week - "Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile."