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Isaac Denny, New Zealand Open 4's Champion

Burnside Club member and New Zealand Under 25 representative bowler Isaac Denny recently teamed up with World Champion of Champion singles player, Tony Grantham, fellow New Zealand Under 25 player Shannon McIlroy and current Black Jacks team member, Ali Forsyth to win the inaugural New Zealand Open 4's.

The New Zealand Open is a new event on our calendar and is part of the Australian Grand Prix circuit.

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Umpires Examinations 2008

Applications are invited from Club members who may wish to undertake training with an intention to sit the prescribed examinations in 2008. **Applications will only be received through clubs.**

The Training and examinations are in two parts. **Practical**: - A series of 6 on green sessions (early evening) towards the end of the bowling season (dates to be arranged) followed by an examination in 12 exercises. **Law**;- a series of 6 studies (indoors evening during May & June) followed by an examination.

Details on Club Notice board.

World Bowls Championships 12th – 27th January

House Manager, Ken Haworth has advised access to Match and Locker Rooms will be restricted to Players and officials. Members are asked to have all of their gear removed by 31st December.

During the course of the Championships, arrangements have been made with the **Riccarton Racecourse Club** for Burnside Members to play matches or have practice. Please introduce yourself to a member and ask what rink would be available for play?

3 / 4's Burnside 2, Win Semi but loose final to a Strong Sumner Team

On Saturday 8th December Rod Maxwell and Murray Croy held onto good leads to ensure a spot in the Final against a very strong Sumner team at the Elmwood Bowling Club in blustery conditions.

The final was strongly contested and for most of the afternoon the results on the scoreboards seesawed. Eventually a combination of good shot making and some good fortune turned the table Sumner's way, who deservedly will be this years champions.

7's Post Section

Burnside 1, in Division 1 and Burnside 3, in Division 2 competed in their respective post section competitions at the Beckenham and Elmwood Clubs on Sunday 9th December.

Burnside 3, who won the Canterbury Centre 7's last and went onto win the Zone final in Westport for the right to play the National Finals, were unable to repeat the performance failing in the last end of the pairs to relinquish a lead held throughout the game.

Burnside 1 faired better at Beckenham winning all three disciplines against the Racecourse Club but not able to go on with that, being topped by the Elmwood Club.

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Fitness Anyone?

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

I don't jog... it makes the ice jump right out of my glass.

Please feel free to send in any information you would like to be included in future newsletters to:- ross.bell@xtra.co.nz

Presidential Message – Warwick Ainger

"It is with great pride that I look at the facilities that will be available for the World Bowls and feel proud of the great work many people have done to get the Club and its facilities looking at its best."

"I must mention the work done by Russell Cockcroft and his team with the outside maintenance and with the demolition of the orchard fences, Graham Lowery who has the inside of the Club pavilion looking at its finest and Tom Brankin and Lester Withers for their great work in the gardens."

"I must also include Phillippa Johnston and her committees who have willingly assisted many tasks over the past few months."

"I realise it is dangerous mentioning some people but I think they needed to be mentioned together along with the work of Ken Prebble and Tony Bennett who work much longer than the paid hours they received."

"I would like to extend to all members a very safe and Happy Christmas."

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Brain Teasers

Three women each have two daughters. They are having lunch at a restaurant. There are only seven chairs in the restaurant. All the women are seated. How is this possible?

A shell is tied to the side of a boat. The shell hangs 3 metres above water level. The water rises 2cm an hour. How much time will it take before water touches the shell?

Answers to **ross.bell@xtra.co.nz**