

Changing of the Guard

The Hotline's creator and its only Editor has decided to call it a day. This has been the Club's reliable source of news and information for 14 years.

Mort Young will now be able to find out what "Retired Life" is all about. The opportunity to have more quality time with Pauline and the grandchildren is a major factor in his decision but I am sure Mort can never go into idle mode.

A lot of the behind the scenes work that Mort does for the Club I suspect goes relatively unnoticed by most. Believe me his contribution has been enormous. His knowledge of the workings of the Club is profound.

Mort's organisational skills were honed by running a business in the volatile clothing industry and this proved to be a great asset at the Club. He went along quietly organising the funding for the Club tracksuits which he was instrumental in designing. This was a major undertaking. We all have enjoyed the benefit of these tracksuits, thanks to Mort. In fact there are still some from that order left. Controlling the clothing stock, including Club shirts, is a huge task. Mort has organised and ran numerous tournaments with precision and has always maintained a high standard. He created and developed the Festival and Trophy bowls, had a stint as Club Captain, and was Convenor of Membership. Being the organiser of the markers for the various international events he ensured the event went like clockwork. He was a person who liked to see things happen in a timely and ordered manner. There has been very little around the Club that has not involved Mort, he just could not resist tackling and positively contributing to any task required. I have appreciated his wise words and sage advice over the years.

In 2016 he was awarded Bowls Canterbury Volunteer of the Year.

Life Membership was bestowed on Mort in 2009 for outstanding service to the Club.

Finally 8 years later Mort, now at the age of 83 has come to the conclusion he should slow down a little.

Perhaps we should be putting a Bar on his Life Members' Badge.

Mort, we thank you for your outstanding contribution to the Club.

As one chapter closes another opens.

I am pleased to announce that Bill Fowlie has offered to take over the Hotline, Newsletter, Publicity and Communication role.

To assist Bill please ensure you send any contributions you have with brief facts, preferably by email, to him by Tuesday so that the weekly Hotline can be prepared and distributed on a Thursday.

Anyone can send in a contribution.

Bill will also have the role of Tournament Convenor previously held by Mort.

Alan Bryce

President