

Hot Line Number 29 - 4 January 2018

Festival Bowls

Festival Bowls will be played this Saturday 6 January starting at 1-30 pm. Please enter via the internet or on the lists in the match rooms by Friday 6-00 pm. Mixed, mufti and \$3.00 per person entry. Format will be determined by number of entries. Please note this is the first Saturday game at Burnside for 2018 - the next is not until 20 January. Any queries to Ken Wilson-Pyne (3582457) who is deputising for Mort. Ring on Saturday morning before 10-00 am.

Stu Buttar – Pro Am

The Mike Pero Stewart Buttar Burnside Invitation Pairs Pro Am 2018 will be held on Thursday, 11 January at 4-30 pm. The Pro Am is the prologue of the Mike Pero Stewart Buttar Burnside Invitation Pairs tournament which attracts many of Australasia's elite players - both men and women.

The Pro Am is open to all Burnside members. The aim of the Pro Am is to thank Burnside members and tournament volunteers for their contribution to the main event which is played from Friday 12 January to the final held on Sunday afternoon, 14 January.

If you would like to play in the Pro Am please enter your name on the entry sheet in the match room by Wednesday, 10 January by 4-00 pm. You will be guaranteed a place in the draw. The Pro-Am will be a Festival Bowls format with a few twists. This is a great chance to meet, and play with and against, top players in a relaxed atmosphere. Dress code is mufti and there is no entry fee! Play starts at 4-30 pm and there will be two games followed by some nibbles upstairs. The tournament players value the opportunity to participate as it is great practice for them pre-event and they enjoy meeting our members.

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The following is a list of Burnside members who have qualified through section play. These results are up to date as at end of play Wednesday 3 January. Ongoing results can be found via the Burnside website or www.bowlsnz.co.nz

Men's Singles Mike Small - eliminated in round 2, Barry Williams and Richard Hocking – both eliminated in Round 1

Men's Pairs Mike Small/Barry Williams. Richard Hocking playing with Andrew Kelly (Post Section starts Thursday 4)

Men's Fours No qualifiers with teams skipped by Mike Small, Kevin Smith and Ross Bell all "falling" at the final qualifying hurdle.

Women's Singles Tayla Bruce, Alex Wilkinson, Tessa Hocking, Cait Bassett (Post Section starts Thursday 4)

Women's Pairs Mandy and Angela Boyd – eliminated in Round 3, Tayla Bruce playing with Katlyn Inch – unbeaten in post section and awaiting semi-final play later in the week)

Women's Fours Tayla Bruce playing with Jo Edwards (Post Section starts Friday 5)



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From the Editor's desk

Continuing the saga – "Where's Willy"

Travels this week took Willy to the home of the British fleet both new and not so new – Portsmouth Harbour. In the historic dockyard you can tread the decks of the HMS Victory, famous for being Lord Nelson's (he with the one arm, one eye, one ---- you get the picture!) command ship in the famous victory at Trafalgar in 1805. An impressive ship with its armament of 104 guns.

A neighbour of the Victory is the Mary Rose. The Mary Rose was a ship in the navy of Henry VIII and sank in the Solent at the outer entrance to Portsmouth harbour in 1545. She was rediscovered in 1971 and finally raised in 1982 after 437 years on the sea floor. She now stands in a purpose museum within the dockyard and was worth the entry price all on its own.

While taking the included harbour boat tour Willy was fortunate to see the HMS Elizabeth, the navy's brand-new aircraft carrier, which was in port apparently for a solution to her small problem of "leaking".

Portsmouth – another off Willy's bucket list.

Quote of the week – "*Desperate affairs require desperate remedies* – Lord Horatio Nelson