

Hot Line Number 31 - 18 January 2018

Stu Buttar Burnside Pairs

A hearty congratulations to Mike Small and Richard Hocking for their success in winning the Invitation Pairs last weekend. A big thank you to all of you who contributed in some way to the success of the weekend. The typical "Burnside way". (Editor - watched 3 of the 4 games streamed to the UK and was impressed with professionalism of this means of communication.)

Lounge Booking

A reminder to members that the Clubs Lounge and Bar will be closed this coming Saturday (20th) for a Wedding Reception. Club Member, Jeff Clark's daughter Rebecca is having her reception at the Club from 5pm.

To accommodate those of you who wish to extend your game of 'Festival Bowls' over a drink, and of course prize giving there will be a variety of drinks available for members in the Dining Room after your Saturday afternoon's exertions. An Honesty Box will operate and a price list will be adjacent for those who may have forgotten any prices.

Also on Saturday one of our regular hirers and a Sponsor - of last weeks aborted Triples tournament, Zoey Tomlinson of Higgins - is celebrating a birthday with a dozen or so friends. They will be having a roll-up under Pat Bonham's guidance, on Saturday afternoon. Please be aware of these hirers and extend Burnside hospitality to them should you come across any of them during their time at our Club. Thank you."

Selectors Report January 2018:

The Post-Christmas inter club competitors get underway on Thursday 25 January with the mixed 10's and under 8's pairs events starting at 6.15pm. There is a very competitive mixed 10's team who will meet Elmwood Park at the Elmwood green and 10 under 8 years pairs teams who will play both home and away games in the 1st round. The women's mid-week double triples commence on Wednesday 31 January at 1.00pm where 3 teams (18 players) will play both home and away. The men's vets (over 55 years) start a 7's competition on Monday 29 January. We have just 1 team entered here and to date only 7 players have indicated their wish to play. If anyone else would like to be available as back up then please contact Mike Small direct.

The Saturday events start on 27 January with 2 women's 8's teams, 4 men's 8's teams, 3 men's 3x3's teams, 1 men's Watson Shield team (who have a bye in round 1) and 7 Under 8's (Development) teams on the greens around town. In total, 106 players will represent Burnside each Saturday. The Development triples will have a double round on Saturday 27 January. This is the only double round for any inter club team.

As some players may not have registered their name before the close off date of 4 December, there is still an opportunity for you to advise the selectors if you wish to be considered for teams. All teams will be displayed in the men's and women's match rooms and on the club



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website by this coming Thursday. Please tick your name as being available for play and contact the team captain as early as possible if you are un-available.

Match Committee

Thanks to everyone who has made efforts to get their Championship matches up to date over the festive season. There are still far too many folks being tardy however. This is particularly so in the Men's singles competition where a full round is due to be completed by this Sunday. There are very few matches from this round that appear to be booked. The men's singles are the first event for the Champion of Champion schedule and will be played in late February. Because of this timing we plan to have only 10 days to play the next round to be able to move the event forward. We cannot do this yet because of the current round not being completed. With no inter club this weekend perhaps this will be a good time to get your matches played in all competitions. This could include the semi-finals of the Men's Fours competition. Please attend to these gaps urgently.

The entries close for the Men's and Ladies Championship Triples this Saturday at 6pm. Please get your entries in. The Ladies event is a two-life system and will be played on the dates as advertised in the Club booklet. The men's event is qualifying system of six rounds and you will need four wins to advance to post section play. Please note there will be a double header round of two games played on Sunday 25th February in the men's event.

The date for the first round of the men's triples has had to be changed from Saturday 27th January to Saturday 3rd February. The Centre has made a change to their programme and made a Development inter club double header round on the 27th January which would have impacted on the Men's triples event that day. Fortunately, the Match Committee had not scheduled any triples play on the 3rd of February hoping some Burnside men's teams would be in the regional sevens playoffs. As no men's team won through we can now use the 3rd February.

Please organise all of your matches ASAP.

Finals Weekend:

Bowls Canterbury advise that Finals of Centre events will begin this coming weekend. Play will take place from 8.30am on Saturday and Sunday 20 & 21 February at Woolston Park Bowling Club.

We have a number of members playing including Terry Leadbetter, John Turner, Richard Hocking, Andy Cockcroft, Mike Small, Mandy Boyd, Angela Boyd, Tracy Wilkinson and Kirsten Rowe to name some of those competing.

The draft programme and parking information is available on Bowls Canterbury website, (the programme will be finalised on Friday 19 when all results are known).

Your support at Woolston Park would be appreciated by those playing.

Announcement

Congratulations to Tessa Hocking on her engagement to Andrew Lee.

From the Editor's desk

Continuing the "Where's Willy" series

Willy has for the past 3 weeks been laid low with the flu and an infected chest which has curtailed his adventures somewhat. Before he was struck down Willy ventured into Drury Lane, the West End of London, to see another show – "The School of Rock". Now you might think that this was a bit revolutionary for Willy but he has been known in his early "days" to listen to Queen on full volume. A close neighbour to Drury Lane is the British Museum which Willy visited on a cool evening. The museum was full of visitors touring the exhibits. Willy's favourites – the Rosetta Stone and all other Egyptian treasures plundered from sites of old – shades of Indiana Jones.

"We don't quit playing because we grow old; We grow old because we quit playing."

— Dr Sukhraj Dhillon - Scientist

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