

# Hot Line Number 38 - 8 March 2018

## Intercentre Sevens Finals

Burnside is a Host Club for the 2017/2018 Bowls NZ Intercentre finals on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March to Sunday 25 March. We require Markers for 42 matches over this period and I thank Brian, Selwyn, Estelle, Graham, Mike, Brenda, David and Penny for their commitment to this task. I implore other members to forward their names for the remaining slots. A number of members have indicated they will assist so now is the time to formalise that support:

Friday	23 March	8.15am	3 slots
Friday	23 March	11.30am	3 slots
Friday	23 March	2.30pm	3 slots
Saturday	24 March	8.15am	3 slots
Saturday	24 March	11.30am	3 slots
Friday	24 March	3.00pm	3 slots
Sunday	25 March	7.45am	2 slots

Please contact Bill at [bill@fowlie.co.nz](mailto:bill@fowlie.co.nz) OR write on lists that are in both the men's and ladies match rooms OR ring on 022 6973560

## Railways Tournament

This tournament starts on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of March and runs through till Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Markers for this tournament have been finalised and no more are required thanks to David, Selwyn, Shirley, Estelle, Graham and the IT Team volunteering.

Alan Bryce is looking for Bar staff for this period (List is in Men's and Ladies match rooms). Contact Alan with your preferred slots.

## Match Committee Report

The Men's Development Singles Championship will be completed this week with the winner competing in the Centre Champion of Champions event on Sunday at Woolston Park. It is likely that there will be a flurry of activity on Saturday afternoon when the final few matches will be played. One player has been in Australia this week and the Centre Development Interclub Triples will be played Saturday morning and early afternoon. Andy Cockcroft's excellent season continues as he has two lives left going into the final rounds. The one lifers left are Kevin Rowe, Paul Beecroft, Barry Williams and Kevin Callaghan.

The post section rounds of the Men's Triples will also continue this week with all teams still in contention asked to play their first rounds by this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The Men's Pairs event is rapidly getting down to the last few combinations and the winner will emerge over the next couple of weeks. One Fours finalist has been found with Murray Croy's team beating David Crombie's team. Murray and his team now await the winner of the Ross Bell versus Neil Cornelius battle.

Entries for the Club Mixed Pairs event close this Saturday at 6pm and the event will be played on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March. The entry list is in the Men's Match room.

All the best to the Men's Triples Team of Richard Hocking, Barry Williams and Mike Small playing in the Regional Finals at Greymouth Saturday, Sunday and Monday this weekend



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## Trivia Night

A great night had by all at the Quiz Night as reported last week. \$707 was raised plus a very much appreciated donation from Anonymous of \$300. Bar sales were \$770.

## Interclub Sevens Finals

The Division 1 team finished a very credible 2nd (have been 4th then 3rd in previous years) after leading into the final round only to be pipped by one point for the title.

The Division 2 team was in 4th place. Excellent results considering the high quality of the competition.

Well done ladies you did the club proud.

Brenda Turner writes - On behalf of the Division 1 and 2 Sevens Teams, thank you to everyone for your wonderful support that enabled us to take part in the National Interclub Sevens Finals.

## Gala Pairs

After a show of hands at Mondays event it was evident we would have a significant number of people unable or unwilling to play the last event being Easter Monday the 2 April, so we have moved it to the following Monday 9th April, Allan Vernel will be in touch with participants by email /phone as usual later in March before the Easter break.

## Selectors Report

Playoff rounds start this weekend for the under 8's triples teams.

Burnside had 7 triples teams playing through section play and from 6 sections in Division 3, Burnside produced 4 section winners. A brilliant performance by our newer bowlers and especially the 1st and 2nd year players that were involved.

So post-section (finals play) is this Saturday morning at Bowls Papanui on Condell Avenue.

Burnside 3, skipped by Andy Cockroft, with Kevin Callaghan and Lindsay Hodder play a semi final against Morrison Avenue.

Burnside 2, skipped by Cameron Wood with Dean Johnstone and Terry Leadbetter, play against Burnside 4, skipped by Kevin Maguire, with Mike Weeks and John de Freitas in a quarter final. The other quarter final is between a team from Redcliffs Mt. Pleasant and Burnside 7, skipped by Chris Iggo, with Matt Small and Dean Robertson. As you will know, Dean is our celebrity blind bowler, who has Kevin Smith directing him. This is an outstanding performance by this team and if you have not seen Dean play, then you are truly missing something special.

If you can get along to Bowls Papanui this Saturday morning to support the players, then please do so. Some of us will be involved with the last round of section play in men's 3x3's and 8's with the Watson Shield team having their second last round. Burnside 1 in 3x3's and Burnside 1 and 3 in the 8's competitions are right in the running for outright success, so all the very best guys.

With 21 players unavailable this week, it has been a struggle, but many thanks to those who have stepped up to help out.

## 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Singles

Congratulations to Terry Leadbetter and Tracey Wilkinson in winning their respective club championship events with Andy Cockroft and Lisa Mather the runners-up.

## Golden Oldies Tournament

The World Golden Oldies Lawn Bowls Festival commences on 22<sup>nd</sup> April and goes through to 29<sup>th</sup> April. This tournament is free to any bowler playing for a club that is affiliated to Bowls Canterbury. Entries close this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Contact details:

<https://christchurchgoldenoldies.com/product/local-lawn-bowls-entry> OR Call Col Pierce on 09 4314090 or 027 475 3615

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## Australian Open Bowls

Cameron Wood wishes to get a competitive team of four to go over to the Gold Coast in June to play in the 2018 Australian Open on 9 -22 June (first week for qualifying). If he can get a team of four together (have two at the moment), they would play at least singles, pairs and fours much like the nationals here in New Zealand. This would be a great opportunity to get away from the winter weather and have the opportunity to play against the best players in the world. If you are interested please email Cameron ([cdwood1@me.com](mailto:cdwood1@me.com)) or phone/text 021 677417."

## Men's Handicap Singles and Pairs

Thanks to those who have played games by the suggested dates. Please keep this up. Some games need to be played ASAP to make sure these events are completed on time.

If a player in the Pairs is unavailable he can be substituted with a player on the same or higher handicap. This needs to be cleared by contacting Ken Wilson-Pyne 3582457.

## Elmburn Shield

Elmwood Club v Burnside

Saturday 17 March starting at 1-30 pm

Venue - St Albans/Merivale green

Mixed - 8 triples' teams

Dress code - whites

Please place your name on the entry sheets in the respective match rooms by Thursday 15 March or enter on the Club's website.

Any questions to Ken Wilson-Pyne 3582457

Other games on offer this day are Watson Shield (am), Festival Bowls (2x4x2 pairs) pm, Interclub

Women's 3x3s Division 1 (pm)

This fixture was first played in 1968 - ie it has a 50 year history - be a part of history!

## Bowls England's President's Touring Party v Burnside

Saturday 24 March - morning and afternoon times to be confirmed

Venue -Burnside

Mixed - Fours - 2 games - depending on Burnside numbers it may be possible to play both games or just am or just pm.

Dress code - whites

The touring party will have lunch at Burnside and players are asked to join them if possible. Cost to be confirmed.

Please place your name on the entry sheets in the respective match rooms by Wednesday 21 March.

Any questions contact Ken Wilson-Pyne 3582457

Other games on offer at Burnside this day number zero. All rinks will be occupied by either by the Bowls NZ Intercentre event or by the England/Burnside fixture.

The England President's tour is a bit like the Lions' tour in that it only happens every 6 to 8 years.

The Balmie Army will not be present this time however. This will be a very pleasant and enjoyable event to play in.

## From the Editor's Desk

It does not cease to amaze me the number of members in our club who put the club forward before their own club endeavours and this definition of Selfless sums it up.

- **A selfless person is someone who volunteers his/her service without any selfish motive or without being expected to be served in return.**

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