

Hot Line Number 43 - 12 April 2018

Wahine Disaster 50th Anniversary 10th April 2018

The sinking of the Lyttelton–Wellington ferry Wahine on 10 April 1968 was New Zealand's worst modern maritime disaster. Would-be rescuers stood helplessly on the beach at Seatoun as the Wahine succumbed to one of the worst storms recorded in New Zealand history. 53 passengers and crew lost their lives as a result of the sinking. Lloyd Ewan was on that fateful voyage and here are his words.....

“Yes, I was on the Wahine 10th April 1968 along with my parents and my brother and his wife. We were traveling to Wellington to farewell Mum & Dad who were boarding the Southern Cross the next day to sail to the U.K. to spend time with my sister. There was a bit of a hiccup when the Ferry hit Barrett's reef entering into Wellington harbour in the middle of a horrendous storm and of course the rest is history as the Wahine after drifting up the harbour to just off Seatoun eventually tipped over. That was 6-7 hours after the initial grounding fortunately the storm had abated somewhat when the order to abandon ship was given otherwise earlier there would have been a lot more loss of life.

My dear wife was left at home on our Southland farm to care for our two children aged 21 months and 8 months. Also, Marianne was minding my brothers 6 yr. old daughter. It wasn't until late that evening that I was able contact her to say all 5 of us were safe. So, we were so lucky that we as a family survived the ordeal. My folks did board the Southern Cross the next day and spent the next 4-5 weeks sailing to Britain. They of course have passed away now and my brother and his wife live in the Wellington area. I am off to Wellington on Monday to be part of the remembrance of the day 50 years ago.”

Licensing Rules

A Tri Agencies Licensing visit occurred on a recent busy Saturday evening as part of routine visits to sporting clubs in our area. The purpose was to see if the Club followed the licensing laws and because they were offered alcohol service when they were not members, the visit became 'educational.'

We need to ask the 3x questions on the notices in the Bar to determine whether people we don't know may be served or not. Our members should not be offended if they are asked these questions, and all members should carry their Burnside membership card, just the same as you have to when visiting any Chartered Club.

If any questions then these should be directed to Alan Bryce or Kevin Callaghan.

Match Committee

Weather permitting the last Champion of Champion event for the year will be played this Saturday. Our ladies pair will be playing at the Papanui Club and the men's pair will be playing at Christchurch. Best wishes to all involved.



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Presidents Trophy Charity Day

Saturday 21 April. President's Trophy and Charity Day

The charity chosen for 2018 is Prostrate Cancer Research. All money raised today goes to the chosen charity.

12-30 pm Charity Corner to Corner – throw your money (\$1 or \$2) in the bucket and have a go.

1-00 pm President's Trophy

Entry fee is \$5.00, mixed, drawn teams and to finish the season in style – whites. After all they maybe in the wardrobe for some time after today!

4-00 pm Presentation of 2017-18 Trophies in lounge. and refreshments

Commonwealth Games

With 2 days to go the Blackjacks Results / Standings are:

Ladies Singles – Gold medal to Jo Edwards

Ladies Fours – Beaten by South Africa in Quarter Finals

Men's Pairs – Beaten by Wales in the Quarter Finals

Men's Triples – Beaten by Australia in Quarter Finals

Ladies Pairs – Did not qualify for Quarter Finals

Ladies Triples – Beaten by Canada in Quarter Finals

Men's Singles – Qualified for Quarter Finals to play England at 11am (NZST) Thursday 12 April

Men's Fours – Qualified for Quarter Finals to be played 1430 (NZST) Thursday 12 April

Para Pairs – Did not qualify for Semi Finals

Para Triples - In Gold medal playoff against Australia at 1430 (NZST) Thursday 12 April

Bowls Canterbury

Good afternoon clubs,

Once again at the commencement of the season we will be putting together a Playing Programme Review Panel. **Please find attached information regarding this review panel.**

A reminder that we are seeking members for the panel who are able to discuss submission/ideas that would impact clubs throughout the Canterbury region, not just their own individual club.

Along with submissions we would like to have feedback (both positive and negative) on the changes we made in the 2017/2018 season. Major changes to the season were, but not limited to the following:

Junior to Under 8's

Sevens format (round robin to section & post section play)

Pennants competitions

N.B. – Individuals as well as clubs can nominate themselves for Review Panel and / or make submissions. Mike Small has accepted Burnside's nomination to the Review Panel.

From the Editor's Desk

" Gold medals aren't really made of gold. They're made of sweat, determination, and a hard-to-find alloy called guts". - Dan Gable (American Olympic Gold Medal Wrestler)

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