

Hot Line Number 67 - 1 November 2018

Selectors Report:

As the Pre-Christmas inter club season progresses, most of our teams are positioned around the middle of their sections. The best performed teams are two of our development teams who are 1st and 2nd equal. Keep up the practice and your results will improve.

With the Pennants style of play it is very important to minimise your losses and naturally if leading, keep the score board ticking to help your mates if they are behind. The bonus point system favours the combined aggregate score and therefore every shot counts.

Teams have been tricky to complete at times because of unavailability for various reasons. There have been at least 17 players unavailable each week after previously confirming that they could play. The selectors fully understand that health and unexpected events can be of late notice. However, some men have put their name on the U/A sheet very late and all we ask is that you phone Mike Small on 027 671 2213 at the same time, so that a replacement can be found. It is difficult for the team captains to verify if they have a full complement when players withdraw in the last few days before play.

I personally would like to thank the men who initially declared themselves as reserves, but have played once, twice and even 3 times already. Your saying 'YES' has been really appreciated. We have also had some brand-new bowlers on the green. Well done guys and we hope that you enjoyed the experience.

The sad part is that I had to withdraw the 2x4's, Burnside 4 team from the whole competition and defaulted another team on one day.

Finally, there will be sheets on the match room wall in a couple of weeks asking you to enter your name for the Post-Christmas competitions! Sounds early, but we need to have our team requests into the Centre by 14 December.

Keep up the practice and the results will look after themselves. Our coaches would love to hear from you if you need a second opinion.

Bar Duty

Monday	5 November 2018	Early	Murray Harper
Monday	5 November 2018	Late	Neil Anderson (Shift Mgr.)
Friday	9 November 2018		Paul Kerr
Saturday	10 November 2018		Emily Miller

Bowls Canterbury News

- Beryl Murphy is in final of Canterbury Under 8's Singles which will be played on Finals weekend at end of the season, Beryl defeated Alex Wilkinson in the semis.
- Kirsten Rowe, Emily Miller, Beryl Murphy and Alex Wilkinson have been selected for the Canterbury Development team to play in the Town vs Country event in Ashburton this Sunday.
- Finals Weekend's: Centre Finals Weekend – 26/27 January 2019 at Parklands Bowling Club and Champion of Champion Weekend – 13/14 April 2019 at Woolston Park Bowling Club



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Saturday AM (3 November) Duty Team

The team is responsible for putting out mats, jacks, chalk and marking the 2m mark on all rinks - John Switalla, Bruce Wallace, Steve Lloyd, Ken Haworth

Racing Cup Week Triples

Sunday 11 November 2018. Great prize pool. Contact Paul Kerr or Alan Bryce with your entry. Only \$60 per team including a light lunch.

Auction of a week's Accommodation at Palm Cove will take place on the day. Be at the Auction or if unable to attend then advise your bid to Alan Bryce

Blind Nationals

Markers wanted urgently for 26 & 27 November. Please contact Kevin Smith at 0223121632

Individual Championship games

Members are asked to write championship games or Corporate bowls on the whiteboard just inside the gate so the Green keeper can allocate rinks. If you have written up a game and subsequently cannot play it then please advise Green Keeper so he can make decisions on whether green preparation is required or not.

From the Editor's Desk

Another in the series – "Getting to know your Executive." – Alan Perry



Family - Hi everyone. Not many of you will know me because I have only been a member since mid-November last year. I am married to Marie, we have 2 grown up children and three grandchildren.

Bowls - I would like to record that I have been most impressed with the warm welcome and friendliness of fellow members since joining Burnside. I have not previously been a member of a bowling club, however, I did play business house bowls a couple of years ago. Over the years I have very much enjoyed playing many sports with varying degrees of success. One of the things that impressed me when I first joined Burnside, is the large number of volunteers who readily give their time, which leads to our Club operating in the very efficient

way that it does. I am aware that many of you have given many years to volunteering at the Club and when I was approached to join the committee this was the most significant reason for doing so.

What I am reading - I am not an avid reader. However, the last book I read was called the "Fortune Cookie" written by popular writer Bryce Courtney. The main character in this book is an Australian born Chinese who moves to Singapore to further his career ambitions. The period is the mid 60's during the Vietnam war. The story covers scenes of high living, drugs, human misery and an inevitable portion of love thrown in. It was a spell bounding read offering thrills at a fast pace.

My Dinner Guests - There are two people who I would love to have to dinner. The first is John Key who I believe has an admirable way about him and his life successes coming from humble beginnings. The second person is former All Black Ian Kirkpatrick. I played rugby for Rangiora in the late 1960's and had the pleasure of training with Ian when he first moved from East Coast Bays with Hamish McDonald. Both eventually played for Canterbury and then the All Blacks.

Bucket List - So what's on my bucket list. First to get better at playing bowls. Second to lose 3 inches around my waist and transfer it to my height - it's a "work in progress" with not much happening!!

Next week's Hot Line will come to you from Samoa - Editor

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