

Hot Line Number 75 - 3 January 2019

Pre-Christmas celebrations

We congratulate Mandy Boyd and Lance Pascoe on the arrival of their new baby, Isla Pascoe, born on 16th December, and weighing in at 11 pound 5 ounces! A little sister for Maycie.

Post-Christmas celebrations

Congratulations to Tessa Hocking and her fiancé Andy Lee who marry Friday 11 January.

World Deaf Bowls

Come along to Burnside to watch these international competitors battle it out on our greens. Opening is 10am on Sunday 6 January with competition on 7, 8, 10, 11 and 13 January. Play commences at 9am each competition day.

A big "thank you" to those of you who have volunteered their time to Marking, Bar duty, Lines and all the other jobs that Burnside are renown for when running tournaments.

Interclub - 2019

Welcome to 2019 and a very Happy 'bowling' New Year.

Thank you to all those members who have indicated that they wish to play inter club from 12 January onwards. The numbers are slightly down on pre-Christmas, but the selectors have tried to give everyone a game that put their name forward.

So, this means a couple of things; firstly, we do not have many reserves so it is important that you are available 'most' of the time. Secondly, if you can't play, you must let Mike Small know (for Men and Development events), and Beryl Murphy (for women's events) ASAP and at least one week in advance. I understand that some unavailability is unavoidable, so please contact Mike on 027 671 2213 or Beryl on 03 357 0466 when you know that you can't make your **team** commitment. The selectors do not plan on 'stealing' players from other teams to replace you and therefore the 'reserves' will be very important.

I would also like to know of any players who would like to add their name to the playing fold. Some of you won't remember whether you put your name down or not, so when the **Saturday teams are published on Friday 4** and it is not there, it is because you haven't advised us.

So, inter club starts on Saturday 12 January for women, men, development and Manning Cup play. Men's Watson shield will play a double round this day. All other competitions play a single round. Watson shield and women's 7's do not play Saturday 19th because of our Burnside Invitation pairs. All other competitions **will play** on Saturday 19th. Reserve players will be required this week, so if you can help out, please let Mike or Beryl know. Teams that have 'Home' games this week (19 Jan) will most probably play away (or at the Centre green) because of the Burnside pairs. The selectors will make the arrangements and you should check the team sheets for the venue.

Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 are finals weekend and there is no inter club.

Mid-week play starts on Monday 21 January with the Vets 7's where we have 2 teams and 6 reserves, so if there are others who wish to play, I'm sure we can get a further team in because of

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existing byes. This is the only mid-week day time competition for the men in the New Year. Women can also play in this event. Ring Mike if you wish to play. Men's double triples on Tuesday 22 evenings, women's double triples on Wednesday 23 afternoons and development pairs on Thursday 24 evenings.

The development pairs are being played under a different concept. All teams within a section will play at the same green. That means that 3 or 4 games per section will be played at the same green. Team 1 in the section will host play on the 1st night, team 2 on the second night and so on. Of the 8 Burnside teams in the pair's competition, 3 of them are listed as 'Team 1' in the draws, and therefore there will be 10 games of development pairs held at Burnside on Thursday 24 January.

Enjoy your bowls and good luck.

Mike Small
for Selectors

From the Editor's desk

A quote for 2019 – "Take a leap of faith and begin this wonderous year by believing. Believe in yourself." – Sarah Ban Breathnach (American best-selling author, philanthropist and public speaker.)