

Hot Line Number 98 - 6 June 2019

Bowls Canterbury Awards

In detailing the Bowls Canterbury Awards in last week's Hot Line, two errors were made (one omission and one wrong team) and so to make matters right the corrections are –

Gold Star – Kirsten Rowe

Interclub - U8 Pairs should have read U8 Mixed Triples

Belated congratulations to you all

Bowls Canterbury AGM

Christchurch Bowling Club

Sunday 7 June @ 10am

Refer to www.bowls Canterbury.co.nz for all documentation

Bar Duty

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| Monday | 10 June | Murray Harper (Shift manager) |
| Friday | 14 June | Andy Cockroft |
| Saturday | 15 June | Need a volunteer, contact Murray |

Burnside AGM & Nominations

Nominations for the Executive Positions closed on 31 May 2019.
Thank you to all those who made themselves available to assist in the functioning of the Club.

Executive positions

Nominations have been received for the following executive positions, for election at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 23 June at 2pm:

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| President | Philippa Johnston |
| Vice-President | John Reese |
| Secretary | Brenda Turner |
| Treasurer | Alistair Salt |
| Other Executive Members | Alan Perry Kerrie Bruce David Conroy Peter Kearney |

Non-executive positions to be confirmed by the incoming executive:

Match Committee Hamish Wilson, Penny Pat

Selection Committee Mike Small, (Convener), Cameron Wood, John Lindsay, Beryl Murphy, Judy Davidson, Pam Clark

Club Captain Judy Davidson (Women's Club Captain)

There seems to be a reluctance for someone to take on the Men's Club Captain role. There is a Job Description which outlines the role available from the office. It is ideal for a friendly, caring person and we have lots of those in our club. We just need one of you to step forward to help us.



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Indoor Bowls

On Friday 14 June two rinks in the Dining Room will be used by a Corporate group. As a result, there will only be one rink for regular club bowlers. Therefore, the first eight to arrive before 1pm will be guaranteed a game. Please refer any questions to Richard Mitchell on 344 0285

A Love story

1962 saw the 'Big Freeze in the UK' that lasted from Boxing Day to the following Easter. My family had not long moved to Springfield Road, Thornton Heath. We got to know our next-door neighbours better as they froze up and needed to come to us for washing etc. I got to know Wendy who had started a career with Barclays. Together we decided to join the local Young Conservatives club. There I met Hazel who lived in the next road and we went out together for about a year before going our separate ways. Friendship with Wendy developed and we married in 1967. By that time, I had completed A-levels and got a degree in Pharmacy at Chelsea School of Pharmacy. On return from honeymoon in September 1967 I started a 23-year career with Boots which took me first to Leatherhead and then to Oxted.

By 1990 I realised that I was not the yes-man that Boots demanded and took the first of several moves south to Rustington and west to Chichester and beyond working for several pharmacy chains and NHS authorities ending in Bridport by 2001. Sadly, 42 years of happy marriage ended in 2009 when Wendy lost out to major heart surgery.

As a widower I downsized to a bungalow which I refurbished throughout and enjoyed a comfortable life in retirement dog-walking, cooking, bowling and continuing a Rotary life that had started back in 1977. I kept up with family history which Wendy had got me hooked on. It came in handy when I decided to look up old friends. One of those was Hazel who I found on Ancestry where she had posted her family tree.

Hazel, meanwhile, had met John in Streatham. John had gone to Oz as a '£10 Pom' – transferred to NZ which he preferred but summoned home on the death of a brother. They married and started bringing up two girls and a boy in Thornton Heath. John hankered after NZ and persuaded Hazel to emigrate in 1974. They enjoyed life in Christchurch, gained 8 grandchildren and survived two big earthquakes. But John died suddenly in June 2012. Five weeks later along comes my email via Ancestry out of the blue – 'How's things Hazel?' We'd had no contact since 1964.

Hazel and I swapped emails, phone calls and Skype over the next months and met up in UK July 2013. We were engaged within the week. By Christmas I had packed up, let the house, got a visa and emigrated to NZ. We were married 3rd October 2014. Wendy and I never had children. Now I have an adopted family of 3 children and 8 talented grandchildren – quite a culture shock!

So that's how I ended up in New Zealand. I'm still in Rotary (my fifth club), playing golf badly and trying to master the superfast bowling greens. Umpiring and coaching are recently acquired skills.

Postscript

One good friend, Malcolm (M.L.E.) Burge shared life with me from Baby Clinic to Winterbourne to Selhurst. We were always in the same class until separated by university. Malcolm was my Best Man in 1967 and again here in 2014. He assures me he's not doing it a third time.

And our loving couple – David & Hazel Conroy

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