

Bowls NZ Nationals

Congratulations to the following successes at the Nationals that concluded Wednesday:

- Deane Robertson – Gold Medal in the B1- B2 Singles, Silver medal in the B1 – B4 Pairs
- Bruce Wakefield – Silver Medal in the B5 – B8 Pairs, Bronze medal in the B5 – B8 Singles
- Tayla Bruce - Silver medal in the Women's Pairs
- Richard Hocking – Silver Medal in the Men's Pairs
- Mike Reynolds – Bronze medal in the B5 – B8 Pairs

A big thank you to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure all competitors had a good experience at Burnside. President Philippa has invited all volunteers to the club at 4 – 6 this Saturday for a Happy Hour/s get together.

Post-Christmas Inter Club

The teams have been posted on the website and notice board for round 1 of the Post-Christmas inter club competitions which commence this Saturday 11 January. Teams have been selected on a couple of factors, with availability once again causing difficulties. A reminder is given to all that there is a sheet on display in the match room for the men and under 5's players for noting your unavailability. When you know you can't play in advance that work or absence for any reason (sickness/holidays) you must enter your name on the sheet or phone Mike Small on 027 6712213 well in advance. Pre-Christmas teams were difficult to find replacements. As a result, the selectors have decided to put the onus to find a substitute on the unavailable player or their skip when late notice is given (within 5 days of the event).

Therefore, you will be letting your team mates down by not communicating in a timely manner. The unavailable player/skip can contact Mike for assistance with names, but will need to contact the substitute personally. Round 2 will be held on Saturday morning 18 January when the Stewart Buttar Burnside Pairs is being held. The selectors will arrange with opposing clubs to play the home games away where necessary. Therefore, if you are playing, you will be playing away from home. Any person who has not indicated their intention to play inter club, but could assist/play on the 18th, I would ask that you please contact Mike Small by this Saturday to advise.

Playing Etiquette and Singles Marking

Many new players and some experienced ones as well, struggle with the correct etiquette when playing or marking a bowls game. When you start playing bowls you are shown many things but often the etiquette of the game is overlooked. Experienced players are also guilty of breaching the simple courtesies of the game and if we can all respect these aspects; we will all enjoy the game better. Therefore, we are going to hold an information night for all comers (new players and experienced) who wish to come along and risk learning something about the playing of our game. Pencil in your diary today Tuesday 28 January, 6.30pm, club lounge. I am sure that you will gain at least one small 'treasure' to install into your game for the future.



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Saturday Afternoon Bowls - 11 January 2020

After a full Saturday morning of Men's and Under 5's Interclub and Women's Championship Triples play, afternoon games include Men's Championship Triples, Women's 8's, Manning Cup and an organised roll up. All the afternoon games are programmed to start at 1-30 pm.

The organised roll up is for anyone who is not involved in the other afternoon events but would like a game of social bowls. Format will depend on numbers; dress is mufti, no entry fee and no prizes.

Please enter on the entry sheets in the match rooms or turn up by 1-10 pm on Saturday.

Any queries about the organised Roll Up please contact Ken Wilson-Pyne at 358 2457

Bayleys Stewart Buttar Burnside Pairs – Pro Am 2020

Thursday, 16 January 2020, starting at 4-30 pm - Entries are now being taken from Burnside members for this popular and prestigious event. Entries close at 5-00 pm on Wednesday, 15 January. Please enter your name ASAP on the entry sheet in the Men's Match Room or in the Women's Locker Room. Dress is mufti and there is no entry fee but there will be prizes awarded. This event gives all Burnside members plus sponsors and invited guests (the 'AM' part of PRO-AM i.e. us) the opportunity to play with and against some of Australasia's better players in a fun, social and sometimes competitive environment.

The 'PRO' players are those invited to play in the Bayleys Stewart Buttar Invitation Pairs which officially starts the next day (Friday) and concludes with the finals on Sunday. They look forward to Thursday's event as it allows them to practise on the greens in a relaxed atmosphere while meeting many of the Club's members they will see helping out during the tournament. The plan is to play at least two games of triples in mixed teams made up of 'AMS' and 'PROS' in a Festival Bowls format. This plan may be revised depending on the number of players who enter but whatever happens you are sure to enjoy the event. All we need now is your entry as the ideal is to have the 'AMS' outnumbering the 'PROS'.

On Thursday afternoon please register in the dining room by 4-15 pm. The long-range forecast is very promising. Play will start at 4-30 pm on Thursday and finish before 6-45 pm. The Official Opening of the Pairs Tournament will take place upstairs in the lounge at 7-00 pm followed by supplied finger food about 7-30 pm. All Pro-Am players are welcome to attend the Opening.

Any queries please ring Ken Wilson-Pyne at 358 2457