

COVID-19

Important news

At our Executive meeting today, 17 March, the rapidly changing situation relating to the COVID-19 virus affecting NZ and the World was discussed in depth. The following decisions were decided unanimously.

The bowls events planned for this weekend will go ahead as arranged. From Monday all Burnside Club Tournaments are cancelled. This includes Festival Bowls, the Medley Fours, Jack Forbes Trophy, the Sixes, the Triples and Pairs tournaments.

Greens will remain open but there will be no organised club bowls before the end of the season. Informal bowls may be played if members wish until closing day. The bar will be open at the usual times unless otherwise advised.

To reduce the risk of infection, please rinse any used cups in cold water and place in the dishwasher tray. When the tray is full, one of our members will put the cups through the dishwasher. All dishes should now be washed by machine.

While we regret having to cancel club events, we are making these decisions with your health and welfare in mind. Please be careful and stay well.

Philippa Johnston, President.

Some tips to keep yourself safe:

- Keep a good distance from the next person - one metre or more
- **DO NOT** touch your face your eyes, mouth or nose
- Wash your hands with soap and water thoroughly and frequently when you have returned from outside or touching pets
- Use hand sanitiser when you do not have access to soap and water
- Be aware that a sneeze uncovered can go quite a distance so sneeze or cough into your elbow
- Do not hug or kiss or shake hands with people. Find another novel method
- Cover any open cuts or wounds
- If you think you have been exposed to the virus **CALL** your GP, **DO NOT** go to the Practice. They will arrange to test you
- Call the **Healthline** on **0800 358 5453** if you have any questions or concerns
- Get your annual flu jab - these should become available at the beginning of April. You can book an appointment with your GP. Some pharmacies may also do this too. This won't stop this virus but will keep you safe from other flu viruses
- **Symptoms:** continuous cough, high fever, difficulty breathing then **seek medical help immediately**

We would ask members to look out for each other and if you know that someone is at home alone, then give them a call to check up on them. We are sure that would be most appreciated. Take care everyone. Kia Kaha (Stay strong). We can beat this.....



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Bowls Canterbury

The Bowls Canterbury Board met yesterday and after much consideration have come to the following conclusions about our upcoming events:

Champion of Champions Finals Weekend at Papanui Club – 28/29 March 2020 - This event has been postponed to a later date TBC.

Bowls Canterbury Prize Giving - We had scheduled this event to take place on Saturday 9th May, however, this event has also been postponed to a later date TBC.

Bowls Canterbury will reassess the situation of postponement dates at the end of May.

I realise this may upset some people – especially our Champion of Champions players who have been playing for this event over many months; some since as earlier as October. Please know it was not a decision the board came to lightly. We had taken into consideration all avenues of continuing these events, however, after taking advice from Sport Canterbury and Bowls New Zealand, we believe this is the right decision for our sport. We also must consider the reality of our member demographic and the ever changing and evolving situation we as a Nation are currently in.

- **N.B.** As at Wednesday 18 March – we still plan to **continue with events taking place on Saturday and Sunday 21-22 March, which is the Interclub Manning Cup and Under 5 Fours playoffs, as well as the Champion of Champions Under 5 Singles.** We do ask that spectators restrict themselves from attending these events and if they do – please ensure hygiene is upheld in the highest capacity. As I have said previously the coronavirus is an everchanging and evolving situation so this could potentially change – will we ensure that any changes will be advised as soon as possible. The following is the complete list at time of printing this edition of Bowls Canterbury events:

Wednesday Secondary School Sport 25th March – Cancelled

Regional Secondary School Singles and Triples 25th March – Cancelled

Champion of Champions Finals Weekend 27-28 March – Postponed date TBC

National Secondary Schools Champs on the 31st March and 1st of April 2020 in Auckland – Cancelled

Bowls Canterbury Prize Giving 9th May – Postponed date TBC

Other Event changes

The following World or National events have been either cancelled or postponed

World Bowls championships scheduled for the Gold Coast in May – Postponed indefinitely

World Bowls Indoor Championships scheduled for England in next few weeks - Cancelled

World Bowls for the Disabled scheduled for Christchurch in late November – Cancelled

North vs South match scheduled for Wellington tonight – Postponed

Inter-Centre scheduled Thursday to Sunday – Postponed

Trans-Tasman Blind bowls scheduled for May in Australia – Postponed

NZ Secondary Schools bowls scheduled for Auckland – Postponed

NO decision has been made “as yet” on the National Sevens and Bowls3Fives Finals. A final decision on these two events will be made in the coming weeks.

Interclub playoffs

The Burnside 4 Fours Under 5 side of John De Freitas, Kevin McKay, Phil Black and Derry Johnstone will play in the Division 3 final this Saturday at 9am versus New Brighton to be played at the Papanui Club. Best of Luck guys.

The Burnside 5's triple team needed night lens to finish their Final against Halswell going down by 1 shot in an extra end. Hard luck team.

Champion of Champions

Men's Singles – Last weekend Kevin Gore bowed out in the second round.

Women's Singles – Tayla Bruce is keeping up her good seasonal form and has advanced to the Semi Finals. In the current climate the continuation of these finals is unknown.

Women's Pairs – Pam Clark and Tracy Wilkinson came unstuck in the first round of their playoffs.

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Men's Pairs – Mike and Matt Small had a tough tussle in the third round of their playoffs where some superb shots from Elmwood Park's Glen Mac Donald in the last end gave the win to the Elmwood lads by a couple of shots.

Under 5's Women's Singles – Lisa Mather will play the Woodend representative at Belfast at 9am at the Belfast Club.

Under 5 Men's Singles - Matt Small will play his opening game at Burnside at 9m on Sunday.

“Beefed up” Security

Your Executive has moved to adopt Police recommendations following a burglary last year. Improvements to our security systems will consist of the following:

More Intruder Sensors

Additional sensors will be installed in the Dining Room, Men's Match Room, Men's and Women's Locker Rooms and the downstairs areas outside the bar chiller. The latter area will have its own deactivation pad and code for use by persons making deliveries. All areas in our Club Rooms with external windows and/or doors, except for toilets, will now have sensors.

In addition, the time between activating and deactivating the security system, i.e. putting code into the security pad located inside the front door, will be reduced from 40 seconds to 20 seconds. Still plenty of time to punch in the code without the alarms going off. While the code to enter and exit the building remains the same, a new security firm have won the contract to do the work.

Closed Circuit Television Video (CCTV) Cameras

CTV Cameras will be installed in the foyer, two in the bar area and one downstairs in the area outside the bar chiller. Signs will be placed in these areas alerting members and visitors that CCTV cameras are in operation.

Prior to the Executive decision to proceed with CCTV cameras a survey of 24 current bar volunteers was conducted to assess whether there would be any concerns with the cameras being placed in the bar area. Of the 17 respondents to this survey all but one was supportive.

Members' privacy is a matter which the Executive takes seriously. For this reason, the CCTV cameras will not be activated until such time as a Privacy Policy has been drafted and members have been given the opportunity to comment. The Privacy Policy will then be placed on the Club's website.

When will it happen? - Work will commenced this Tuesday and will be finished by the end of the week.

In the meantime, if any member has any concerns then please contact Alan Perry on 358 7880 or 0274 343 514.

Bar Roster

Monday 23 March 4.00 to 6.00 pm - Trevor Paterson (also Shift Manager for the week)

Friday 27 March 4.00 to 6.00 pm - Cameron Bailey

Saturday 28 March, 4.00 to 6.00 pm - Hamish Wilson

Umpires Corner

Due to space limitations this week the very popular Umpire's Corner will return next week

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Bits & Bobs

Saturday Afternoon Bowls - 21 March 2020

1. Burnside v Bowls Papanui for the Good Neighbours Cup

Will be played at Burnside starting at 1-30 pm. Dress code is the new playing uniform.
Format – 32 players per side in 8 teams of mixed fours playing two games of 10 ends.

Entries have now closed. Teams will be posted on Thursday. We do have reserves so if you prefer not to play or feel unwell please ring Ken Wilson-Pyne on 3582457 before 9-00 am Saturday. Skips please ring your team members to confirm their availability.

2. Organised Saturday Afternoon Bowls starting at 1-30 pm.

This will be the last organised event on a Saturday of the present season. Please register at the office window by 1-15 pm. Entries close on Friday at 6-00 pm but late entries will be accepted if there are vacancies.

Enter on the entry sheets in the match rooms or on the web site as per usual. Reserves for the Papanui match will be automatically included in this field.

Format will be decided when final numbers are known.

Dress is new club playing shirt (preferred) or mufti.

Any queries ring Ken Wilson-Pyne 3582457

The weather forecast is promising so see you there!

Last Week's Report

The match against Elmwood Park played on the Donald Place green for the Elmburn Shield was a close fought affair. The result was a win to Elmwood Park who retained the shield by 8 games to 7 with one game drawn. The green ran well, the breeze added interest and there were many tight and excellent heads. The encounter was enjoyed by all and next season's event at Burnside will be keenly anticipated.

Back home 24 players took part in an enjoyable Festival Bowls format event of two bowl triples in fine conditions. There were six prize winners. Sandy Terrinoni played some excellent draw bowls in the 3-points for shot, 2-points for second shot and 1-point for third shot, triples competition to be a clear winner from the other three-game winners Catherine Sun, John Phillips and Fiona Head. Bruce Wallace was the leading two-game winner on the count back from Gordon Morrison and seven others. In the end Bowls was the winner.

From the editor's desk

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do." – Eleanor Roosevelt (Former First Lady of America)



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