



From the Centre Desk

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Champion of Champions Finals Weekend – Congratulations to all who were crowned our Champion of Champions last weekend and well done to all who made it through to the finals weekend. There were some great bowls played and some very close games too. Thanks to the team at Belfast for being such gracious hosts, thanks to Eric for preparing superb greens and to the markers who carried out their duties so professionally. The food was perfect so a big thanks to all who were involved in that department. I know there were a lot of other volunteers who contributed to the event too, my thanks to all of you. The raffle was won by Sharon Wilson and Bev Davies.

Prizegiving Awards Night– Saturday 22 May at The Redwood (Hotel), corner Main North and Prestons Rd. Tickets are \$45 each. Please contact the office to purchase your tickets.

Bowls Canterbury Awards – A reminder that nominations close on Friday 23 April. Thanks to all who have already forwarded your nominations to us.

National Interclub 7's – This Bowls NZ event is being played in Canterbury, play starts on Thursday 15 and goes through to Sunday 18 April. Thanks to the clubs that are hosting. Burnside is headquarters and where the finals will be played. Games are also being played at – Rangiora, Papanui Club, Fendalton, Bowls Hornby, Riccarton Racecourse and Christchurch. Some games will be live streamed, that information and the draw is on the Bowls NZ website. The Canterbury BC (2017) women's team and the Elmwood Park men's side are our Centre's representatives. Good luck to both teams.

Coach Development — Emily has been selected to be part of the High-Performance Sport NZ Te Hāpaitanga Satellite group. This group has been established to support the development of female coaches from all sports. Through this programme Emily participates in regular video meetings where topics such as mental skills, planning, personal development, and the barriers that prevent women coaches succeeding to a high level.

Emily is also part of the Bowls NZ Performance Coach Academy. Bowls NZ Development Officer and Canterbury Senior Men's Coach – Graeme Rees alongside Kaushik Patel and Sharon Sims deliver this programme to 16 coaches from across the country. This group meets twice a month, each time two of the group presents on a variety of topics, this is followed up with feedback from a specialist coach. Following National Intercentre this group got together and workshopped a variety of topics.

Accredited Measurers Courses – the Umpires Association are re-introducing an Accredited Measurers Course. Umpires are aware that the number of valuable and experienced umpires is declining but these people have an excellent grasp of the Laws. By pairing them with someone able to measure to umpiring standards means there is a qualified umpire at games. Not only does someone become an accreditation measurer they also gain an increased knowledge of the rules. Ray Hunt and David Conroy will be putting a course together and will test in late August or early September in readiness for the new season.

Clubs are urged to canvass their members and encourage a group to participate – in turn these people will have a better knowledge of the Laws which increases their enjoyment of the sport so will benefit all players. Please contact David Conroy (03) 358 5555 or 021 069 2625 or david.conroy1944@gmail.com to register your interest.

New Policy – Sportsmanship Policy. This is part of the Bowls NZ Code of Conduct regulation and covers a general overall respect of all people involved in all aspects of our sport. It covers personal conduct, not bringing the game into disrepute, respectfulness, and an intolerance of all aspects of discrimination. This has now been adopted by Bowls Canterbury.

Katie is continuing to work out of the office and is still available on her mobile

'Good Ideas' this week comes from Elmwood Park

Community Bowls5Five – Over the last six weeks Elmwood Park hosted a very successful community Bowls3Five competition at Donald Place. To make it the success it was the club had sponsors on board, club members coached those who had not played before, a sausage sizzle was available each night, to add to the fun there were theme nights when everyone wore whites or donned a fun hat, spot prizes were also handed out. Every week the rinks were full of people having fun. Points were kept because Matt de Vries who organised the event said they found people wanted to know how they were going, and that the competitiveness did not take away the fun aspect. By the end of the six weeks everyone had a good grasp of the game, many expressed the desire to enter again next year, while there were requests for membership forms. The Club is now planning to run a pre-Christmas as well as a post-Christmas event next season

Sharing 'Good Ideas' – please share your success stories with me so I can share them everyone.

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