



## From the Centre Desk

June 2021

### Included in this issue

- **New Staff member**
- **Playing Programme**
- **Coaching Course**
- **Best wishes to our players at Champ of Champs finals**

**Events and Social Media Coordinator Position** – it gives me great pleasure to announce that Meg Parfitt will be joining the Bowls Canterbury staff from Wednesday 16 June. Meg comes from a broadcasting/sales/media background, but she played bowls competitively while at secondary school in Nelson. Meg is a vibrant out-going person, she is an excellent communicator, and I am sure you will enjoy interacting with her once she has her feet under her desk.

**Prizegiving Awards Night** – Thanks to all who attended and made it the success it was. Yes It was a little crowded and some seats were a little unstable but the food was great, Katie did a fantastic job as emcee and from all the feedback we have received the change of format was well received. A big thanks to The Redwood for accommodating us.

**2021/2022 Playing Programme** – The playing programme is nearly ready to be released. I attended the Zone 5 meeting this week, there are some minor changes to the rep programme that need to be made which means everything will be finalised soon. At the start of last season, it was decided to leave the programme the same for two years and then reassess it because constant changing adds to confusion and doesn't give changes time to bed in. Clubs were advised of this, with the understanding that if required some minor changes would be made. We have received some thoughts and ideas from a couple of clubs, these have been considered, the clubs have been advised and we will file these ideas away until the beginning of next season. Thanks for your suggestions.

**On-line Bowls New Zealand Coaching Course** – This is a great opportunity to do a coaching course from the comfort of your own home in front of the fire or heater on Sunday 27 June. The course is designed for new Foundation Coaches as well as Update and Refresher Coaches. Three of our local coaches are presenting during the day, Graeme Rees, Emily Belton and Nathanael Lucas. The cost is \$50 for Foundation Coaches which covers a workbook and a From Go to Gold booklet or \$30 for Update and Refresher coaches and the wider bowling community. To sign up and any further information you may require please check out the Bowls NZ website.

**Champion of Champions** – Best wishes to the following players who are representing your clubs in the national finals at a variety of venues from the beginning of July – Donelda Scott, Richard Hocking, Dean

Mooney, Stuart Reed, Sandra Keith, Rachel Davies, Liz Rossiter, Jenny Eddy, Bonnie Hawker, Gary Lawson, Kelvin Scott, Nathan Glasson, Owen Giddens, Les Hoare, Jack Bonner, Galen Bonner, Jenny Anderson, Pauline Barr, Mary O'Brien, Joan Macfarlane. Good Luck

**Sport NZ Coaching Hui** - Emily and Graeme Rees attended a Sport NZ Sport Development Hui in Auckland last Wednesday. The purpose was to bring together sports from all over the country to discuss the sporting and recreational opportunities, barriers, and solutions in relation to our rangatahi and tamariki, with the focus on the Balance is Better philosophy. Several speakers shared their insights on issues they have been studying in an endeavour to find solutions, and to provide better opportunities for participants. Emily said one of the highlights for her was the presentation by Kathryn Berkett, who has a Masters in Educational Psychology, she is a certified Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics practitioner - a qualification gained via the Child Trauma Academy. Emily said she spoke on how an adolescent mind functions and what impact that has in terms of sport and how we might implement solutions or alternatives when coaching adolescences. No doubt the learnings from this will assist Emily when coaching some of her young bowlers.

**Summerset Nationals Singles and Pairs 2- 9 January 2022** – these are in Canterbury while the Fours are scheduled to be played in Taranaki from 24 February to 27 February followed by the Mixed Pairs from 28 February to 2 March also in Taranaki

**Greenkeepers** – A reminder that the Bowls Canterbury Greenkeepers Association AGM is on Tuesday 22 June at 2.30pm at the Belfast Bowling Club.

**Bowls3Five Inter Club Finals this weekend** – These are being played at Naenae and the semi-finals and finals will be LIVE on Sky Sport 58 from 11am Sunday 13 June. Canterbury does not have a representative team competing this year but will be represented in the Para Jacks team by Brice Wakefield

**2021 South Island Masters Games** – Lawn Bowls is part of this festival and will be played at the Blenheim Club from Monday 18 October to Thursday 21 October. Categories are Men's and Women's and Mixed Pairs. The minimum age is 30 and early bird entries are open now. For more information email [info@simasters.com](mailto:info@simasters.com) to enter [www.simasters.com](http://www.simasters.com)

**Sharing 'Good Ideas'** – sorry I don't have any 'Good Ideas' this month so please share your good news with me for next month.

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