



From the Centre Desk

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Events and Social Media Coordinator Position – We are currently advertising for Katies replacement. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in this role the link below provides the information required.

<https://www.seek.co.nz/job/52234975?type=standout#searchRequestToken=8efcede0-e312-4a94-b30a-151be832f66c>

Farewell Katie – Katies last day at Bowls Canterbury will be Wednesday 26 May. Her swansong will be at Prizegiving where she will be our emcee for the evening. I am extremely grateful she has stayed on to do this for us, as we have talked about us running prizegiving for a while and I know she will do a great job. Thanks for stepping up Katie. Katies role is not an easy one but her knowledge and understanding of our game has grown so much that many would not believe she is a non-bowler. Katie will be sorely missed and will leave a huge gap in our office. Katie starts a new job in Cromwell next month and I am sure you will join with me to wish her well for her future in Central Otago and thank her for her contribution to our sport over the last five years.

Match Committee Advisory Group – I have appointed three experienced bowlers to this group to work alongside our new Katie. This group will initially be in place for one year and act as a sounding-board in an advisory capacity to the new person. During the past year I have sensed that this is the type of support many of you think this role needs. I have listened and am really grateful that these people have accepted the challenge and know they will be an asset to our new staff member. The people I have appointed are Sharon Wilson, Bill Fowlie and Ann Wright. All have a vast knowledge of bowls and a passion to help us make this a great Centre that will provide the best bowling opportunities for everyone in Canterbury.

Prizegiving Awards Night – There are still a handful of tickets left if anyone still wants to attend this event. I am looking forward to catching up with everyone on Saturday 22 May where we will celebrate a successful season. We are raffling a Blackjacks top kindly donated

by Andrew Kelly and as usual everyone will have the opportunity play Tombola before the awards start.

Centre Club Meetings and Constitution – I am aware that we have not held a Centre Club meeting since late last year. It was my intention to incorporate one with a SGM where we would adopt a new constitution that would be in place prior to the AGM. We are using the Bowls New Zealand basic centre template however there are changes being made to that which I want to include, and I want to ensure the disciplinary procedures are accurate in the new document. This does not happen overnight. The current constitution will still be in place for the next AGM. It is my intention that a new one will be ready to be adopted at a SGM around September.

We held two Centre or Delegates meetings this year, this meets our constitutional requirements, however there is little point holding a meeting just to comply with a constitution. What would you like to know what information/subject you would like to be presented at these meetings? One club has suggested a subject which will be on the next agenda. Please discuss this at your next club meeting and feed your ideas back to me.

Accredited Measurers Courses – Please remind your members to take this opportunity to attend one of these courses. Off season is a good time to refresh your bowls knowledge but also a way of contributing to your club and to support your qualified umpires. Please contact David Conroy (03) 358 5555 or 021 069 2625 or david.conroy1944@gmail.com to register your interest.

Annual General Meeting – Sunday 11 July. Information relating to this meeting will be sent separately to club secretaries.

‘Good Ideas’ Supporting a Charity – Recently I attended a club’s end of year prizegiving and was impressed to hear that earlier in the day they held a tournament where all entry fees and proceeds from the raffles were donated to a charity of their presidents’ choice. I have since heard of another club that has a ‘jar’ that sits on their bar to collect spare cash for a named charity. I was heartened and proud that our clubs are making a difference to our community and felt it was a great gesture while providing a charity the opportunity to promote themselves to another group of people. These are just two clubs who do this and there may well be more so to the other clubs well done to you too.

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

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