



From the Centre Desk

August 2020

COVID-19: I trust everyone has downloaded their COVID Tracer QR code and it is displayed in a prominent place and you also have a sign in book near the entrance. These will need to remain in place for a while yet, probably the whole season.

Coach Appointments: The following coach, selector, and assistant coach appointments for the 2020/2021 season are in place

Senior Women – Pam Clark, Norma Hutchinson, Sandra Keith.

Senior Men – Graeme Rees, Kerry Becks, Steve Lilley.

Under 5's Women – Emily Robbins, Roger Munro.

Under 5's Men – Cameron Wood, Lance Main.

Star Awards Presentations – Originally, we said that there would not any presentations of last season's awards, however we decided that Stars are special, and that the recipients deserve to be honoured publicly. All Stars earned last season will be presented at the close of play on the Sunday of finals weekend – that is Sunday 10 October at the Papanui Club.

Centre Club Meetings: We are holding two of these this year. The first on Wednesday 23 September at Bowls Papanui and will start at 5.30 pm and. The first 45 minutes will focus on specific issues that relate to club secretaries. The main meeting will commence at 6.15 pm. Potentially the topics to be discussed will include Secondary Schools Bowls, Sponsorship, Twilight Bowls3Five, Bowls NZ reporting. If anyone has something, they would like discussed please give me a call. An agenda and reminder will be sent a week prior.

The second Centre Club Meeting is scheduled for Monday 30 November. Bowls New Zealand CEO Mark Cameron and General Manager – Clubs and Community Chris Lander will be the stars of that night.

The intention of these meetings is that they are for club committee members not just club's nominated delegates. Presidents, secretaries, or those on the committee who have a particular interest in any of the topics to be discussed are most welcome.

Shop Sale: The shop sale will commence Tuesday 1 September. We are discounting lines that have been in stock for a while. Not everything in the shop will be discounted. The shop will be open from 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday. There will be some other miscellaneous items from the office for sale too. We will put out a more detailed list the week before.

Coaching Bowls: These have increased to \$560.00. The minimum of order is 4 sets of bowls

Online shop: The business we worked with to provide our online shop website has now closed. We have decided that most of our business is done in the shop, so would not pursue another provider. Bowls NZ are going to be offering an online shop soon. However, should you want something posted out, especially out to rural players we will still offer that service.

Junior Classic: The Winter Coaching Clinic for Under 5 bowlers was on Sunday 2 & 16 August at Kaiapoi Riverside, Redcliffs Mount Pleasant and St Martins. A total number of 71 player registrations were received from as far south as Timaru to as far north as Cust and from everywhere else in between.

The aim is to have a coach to player ratio of 1:4. This year we had the most coaches ever; 26 from across Canterbury so that goal was achieved.

A mix of qualified Development Coaches, Foundation Coaches, and Trainee Foundation Coaches attended. This Clinic provided coaches the opportunity to learn from each other while supporting new coaches coming into the Bowls NZ Coach programme.

The topics covered included pre-shot routine, delivery, Laws of the Sport and etiquette.

Coach feedback indicated that the quality of players was high which is a fantastic sign as we move towards the start of this season. It is anticipated that most of these players will participate in the Bowls Canterbury Under 5's Singles in January 2021 and the many other Centre events they are eligible for.

Bowls Canterbury would like to thank the host Clubs, the Coaches who volunteered their time and the Players who have sought out coaching to develop their own bowling skills.

Programmes like this ensures Canterbury will continue to be the best Bowls Centre in New Zealand.

As always, it has been a great event to organise for our Under 5's Players – Emily Robbins.

Entertainment Digital Book: These are still some available.

Opening Days: If you would like a member of the Board to be present at your club on your Opening Day please let us know as soon as possible so we can coordinate this. We won't promise that someone will be available, we will do our best. We need to know the day, date and time and anything special that has happened or may be happening at your club.

Resilience Fund: I would urge all clubs to go to the Sport Canterbury website, sooner rather than later, to check if you are eligible to apply for this fund, and probably most of you will be. If you are only seeking funds up to \$5k the required form is reasonably easy to complete. The fund closes on 24 September or when funds run out.

Congratulations: Well done to the members of the Elmwood Park Club team that won the National Club Bowls3Five competition. Great work. Also well done to the Halswell Club team that competed in the Under 5's section. The team faced some tough and more experienced competition but played extremely well. The experience would have been invaluable.

AGM Minutes: These are now on our website.

Hope all is well in your Club. The start of the season isn't far away so fingers crossed it isn't interrupted by another lockdown, but we will cope with whatever happens. The Board and I look forward to catching up with many at your Opening Days. Stay safe and remember to contact trace.

From the Centre Office – Good Bowling – Lorraine, Emily and Katie

Remember

CoC Finals Weekend Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 October - Papanui Club commencing at 9 am both days.

