



## From the Centre Desk

December 2020



Merry Christmas to all from the Board, and all of us in the office. I hope everyone has a great festive season and a good rest. Best wishes to those playing in the Nationals in Auckland. Hopefully, Bowls New Zealand will be streaming some of the games, so keep an eye on the BNZ website and Facebook to see when and what games. Fingers crossed we have some Canterbury players in the finals.

**Rep Round Up** – Southern Quad Results – 29 November - Canterbury Senior Men won, the Development Men's team finished second. The Canterbury Senior Women were runners-up, and the Development Women came third. Country Senior Women were placed third as were the Country Men. Country Development Women were runners-up in the section and the Country Development men finished in third place.

**Centre Club Meeting** – Thanks to those who attended. I am sure it gave you an insight into the services Bowls New Zealand have in place. However, many of those initiatives are already happening in Canterbury, we have links with a lot of schools and tertiary institutions. We also have links with organisations that provide for people with disabilities. If your Club requires assistance to link with your local primary, intermediate or secondary school contact Emily as she already has those links and will be able to help. We already have a well organised programme for people with disabilities so once again talk with Emily if you know of anyone wanting to play bowls. Emily would appreciate some help with some of these programmes so if you can assist her please let her know.

**Community Twilight Bowls3Five** – This is an initiative Bowls New Zealand are driving with a few of our clubs. I emailed clubs late November asking if clubs wanted to be part of a local promotion that would link to the Bowls New Zealand initiative. I have had very little response which is disappointing because it is an opportunity to promote bowls in Canterbury for the benefit of all. Bowls Canterbury are prepared to assist with this promotion, and we can all use the Bowls NZ logos etc for promotional material. I understand clubs and especially volunteers are stretched at this time of the year, but we need to plan to maximise the warm weather in February. Let's work together to make this happen. Please contact me by Tuesday 15 December if you want to be part of this collaborative group to promote Bowls to the Community in Canterbury

**Consistency Award for 2019/20 season** – Congratulations to both winners, Sandra Keith and Brian Ware. A very successful season obviously. Hopefully, this one is just as good for you.

**Technical Skills Workshop** – Thanks to all who helped organise this successful workshop, especially to Wendy Suttie who has been the driver behind this initiative. Thanks to the other umpires who helped to

make it happen. From the feedback it was a very valuable session for new bowlers but those who have been around a while still learnt lots too. Wendy and the Umpires Association have offered to run more of these. They are keen to hold these at clubs to make them more accessible to more people. It is an opportunity for a club to provide a learning opportunity for its members, but it could also be an excuse to socialise afterwards. A good post-Christmas catch up perhaps. If you are interested, please contact Wendy Suttie 027 652 4636 or [wendysuttie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wendysuttie@xtra.co.nz)

**Measuring Ap** – there has been talk around this Ap lately. If you want to access it is called Bowlometer. There are two versions, a free one with ads or a no ads version for \$9.95. Note this is it not recognised as a legal measure.

**Transgender Policy** – Bowls NZ sent a copy of this policy to all clubs at the end of November. Bowls Canterbury has also adopted this policy.

**Sharing 'Good Ideas'** – please send in your good news stories. Email letting me know what is working for you and what has been a success.

**Hanmer Springs Bowling Club** – Holidaying in Hanmer over Christmas? Want something to do? The Bowling Club are holding a fundraising golf tournament at the Hanmer Golf Club Saturday 2 January. To enter email [hanmer.springs@golf.co.nz](mailto:hanmer.springs@golf.co.nz) or phone 03 315 7110

**Office Hours** – a reminder that we are closing the office every day from 3.30pm until Friday 18 December but we may be around so phone if you need anything. The office will be closed over Christmas and New year from Friday 18 December. However, I will be in the office from time to time or available on my phone until 23 December. The office will be open again from Wednesday 6 January 9am to 5pm.

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