



From the Centre Desk

March 2021

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I apologise for the lateness of this newsletter, I started it at the beginning of March, and had another go last week with the intention of getting this out before I headed to Wellington with our Women's Intercentre Team but still didn't get finished. I am now back behind my desk after spending a few nail biting days watching our team play so well against some fierce competition. Both teams made it through to Post Section, unfortunately the Men were unable to go any further, but the Women got through to the semi-finals only to be defeated by a dogged Dunedin side that never gave up. Nelson won the Women's competition and Southland picked up the Men's trophy for the first time ever.

Intercentre Teams Farewell – Before the teams headed north, we held a function where a sponsor presented each player with their playing shirts. Photos of these players with their sponsor will be on our website in the next day or so. In the meantime, I would like to thank the following people for supporting our players and ask that all our club members to support these people and businesses. Phoenix Print Design Photography, Ashford Handicrafts Ltd, Mainland Coachwork, Marcel Morton Podiatry Clinic, Redpaths, Garage Door Services Christchurch, Methven Seed Cleaning, Motivationz, Tradietech, The Redwood, Bowls Papanui, Man with a Van, Canterbury Bowling Club (2017), Schroeder's Tavern, Cambridge Partners, Business Insurance Ltd, Brandts-Giesen McCormick Lawyers, Lochlea Partnership.

Champion of Champions Finals Weekend – Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 April. This event which is being hosted by the Belfast Club. Belfast will have food for sale, so please support them. We will have a raffle with the proceeds going towards next year's representative teams.

Prizegiving – Saturday 22 May at The Redwood, Prestons Rd. Nominations close on Friday 23 April. Your secretary will have the nomination forms.

National Interclub 7's – This is being played in Canterbury from Thursday 15 to Sunday 18 April. Thank you to the clubs that offered their greens and clubrooms for this event. Burnside

has been named as headquarters and other clubs being used are – Rangiora, Papanui Club, Fendalton, Bowls Hornby, Riccarton Racecourse and Christchurch. The draw will be on the Bowls NZ website soon. This is a great opportunity to see top New Zealand clubs in action. We will be represented by the Canterbury BC (2017) women’s team and the Elmwood Park men’s side. Good luck to both teams.

Rep results – Two Development teams competed in the Zone 5 Development Tournament in Blenheim over the weekend of 27/28 February. The men did extremely well, finishing the weekend in second place. The women did not fare as well, they were disappointed with some results but will take away a lot of learnings that will be useful in the future.

Club Executive Tournament – This was hosted by Belfast on Wednesday 17 March and won by the Papanui Club team of Chris Hammett and Trevor Sutherland – good to see the people who keep clubs going enjoying a break from the daily grind of their administrative duties.

Schools Bowls - Last week we hosted the Year 7/8 Annual (Intermediate School age) event, a total of 48 children from six schools played a modified Pairs game for the day. Bad weather forced the last two rounds to be called off, so we awarded two schools first equal (St Thomas College and Kirkwood Intermediate) and two schools third equal (Chisnallwood Intermediate and Casebrook Primary). The next day 24 Secondary School students from six different schools competed in singles and triples. Jack Bonner from Cashmere High won the Singles, and the Triples was won by the Papanui High School team of Jamie Veitch, Nathaniel Kilpatrick, and Luke Burling. We were blessed with an abundance of helpers on both days and would like to extend our thanks to all who put their hands up – having someone guiding these young people makes their experience more rewarding, therefore more enjoyable.

Staff Update – **Katie** has settled into working remotely and if you didn’t know otherwise you would think she is still in the office. She now knows that Cromwell is quite a small town.

Emily is on a Bowls NZ Coach Development Course for this week so will be looking forward to her sharing her knowledge with coaches and players in the future.

Sharing ‘Good Ideas’ - we haven’t had any this month!! Please keep them coming.

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