



From the Centre Desk

September 2020

CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS - THREE BOWLS NZ AWARDS TO THE CANTERBURY REGION

Bowls New Zealand Club of the Year - Congratulations and well done Papanui Club on being named the Bowls New Zealand 2020 Club of the Year. Last season was a busy year for the club, it not only acted as headquarters for the Bowls New Zealand Summerset Nationals in January, the Club also hosted several events for Bowls Canterbury during the season. The Club will be hosting last season's postponed Champion of Champions Finals Weekend on 10/11 October. Not only do events like this require a massive number of volunteers on the day, the behind scenes organisation prior to any event is considerable and relies heavily on more volunteers than just those on the committee. The people in the kitchen, those behind the bar and those who keep the greens playable pristine condition are all vital cogs in the overall wheel. Congratulations to Chris and your band of helpers, all have contributed to make the Papanui Club Outdoor Bowls the stand-out club for 2020.

Bowls New Zealand Female Player of the Year – Congratulations to Katelyn Inch on being named the Bowls New Zealand 2020 Female Player of the Year. Katelyn had the best Nationals anyone could dream of earlier this year. Surely defeating Jo Edwards in the Singles final would have been a dream come true for her. Added to that, Katelyn also took out the National Pairs competition defeating another of our Canterbury Blackjacks, Tayla Bruce in the final. Katelyn is now based at the Broadbeach Club in Queensland where she continues to wow her Australian opposition.

Bowls New Zealand Male Player of the Year - Congratulations to Andrew Kelly on being named the Bowls New Zealand Male Player of 2020. Andrew also had a very successful Nationals in January. Picking up his first national title must have been a highlight and to reach the final in the pairs with Richard Hocking at that same event was an indication of his good form. Andrew has been an integral member of several successful Bowls Canterbury Men's representative teams. Unfortunately, the team was unable to defend their title at National Intercentre earlier this year where Andrew may have had the chance to shine again.

Congratulations must also go to **Tony Fielding** who was named as a finalist in the Club Person of the Year, **Gary Lawson** was a finalist in the Male Player of the Year, **Emily Robbins** a finalist in the Coach of the Year and **Eric Allison** in the Greenkeeper of the Year.

Club Meeting – Wednesday 23 September at Bowls Papanui. The meeting will commence at 5.30pm and will be led by Katie and will be specifically for club secretaries. The main meeting will start at approximate 6.15pm. I will circulate a formal agenda a week prior. The meeting will cover a range of topics including a discussion around umpire education, sponsorship ideas, Bowls NZ returns, and an up-date on our coaching programmes. I asked earlier if there is anything else that anyone wants discussed and if there is please let us know.

Shop Sale Update – The sale is going well, and stock is moving. The sale will continue for another couple of weeks but if there is something you need do not leave it too long as the range of sizes is diminishing.

Loyalty Points – It has been decided to discontinue with this scheme. We will not be offering any more points on purchases. We will hold the credit earned from these until the end of the year. Please remember these can only be used by clubs for coaching equipment.

Target Mats - We have a variety that are surplus to our requirements. The prices range from \$35 to \$70. If you require more information, please contact Emily in the office. Remember you can use your Loyalty Points to purchase these. There is also a selection of cups, saucers and plates for anyone to take away as well as some ring binders that we no longer require.

Bowls Lending Policy – We are currently developing a policy around this service we offer. We will be charging a small hire fee and we will be limiting the time a club may have these bowls. The intention of this service is to assist clubs when they are establishing social community events. Once up and running the club should have sufficient funds or a reason to apply for a grant to purchase their own supply. Remember that bowls for this purpose only need to be the cheaper coaching bowls. We also lend these bowls to clubs who have new members wanting to give bowls a go. The reason for the change is because we need to replace our stock from time to time so need some funds to enable us to do that.

Hanmer Springs Bowling Club – It looks very likely we will soon have a new club in Canterbury. This will be based in the grounds of the Hanmer Springs Golf Club. Years ago, there were two greens used by World War One soldiers rehabilitating at the Queen Mary Hospital. Originally, they established natural greens but the extreme temperatures the area experiences meant the greens failed to thrive. The bowling area was covered in asphalt which is still there but a little worse for wear. Now a group of keen non-bowlers are now working hard to establish an artificial surface on the original site. The intention is to provide bowls for the locals and the hundreds of holiday makers who frequent the town. Janet Messervy and Tina Steele are the drivers behind the scheme and have already held successful fundraising events. The presentation they put together is available on our website for anyone interested.

Old Bowls Wanted – Hanmer Springs would love some old bowls that clubs may have rolling around their clubrooms to build a stock that can be used on their makeshift green. They especially would like a selection of smaller sizes. If you can help please contact David Conroy – Phone -021 069 2625 or 03 358 5555 or email david.conroy1944@gmail.com

Green Allocations – Reminder as per Katie's email – we would appreciate it if you could please get back to us advising of your green availability for centre events. We really need your support with this, as obviously we need your greens so we can run events.

Note - We still need three greens for the Centre Men's Singles on Saturday 14 November

