# Hotline 301 – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 BurnsideHotline@gmail.com



# New Hoodie/Jacket Update

**Thanks** to all those who came and tried on a hoodie or jacket at the club last Friday, **a great turnout**.

Anyone who **couldn't get there** and still wants one for the **start** of the **season**, please **contact Matt Small** on 022 0800 711. The first order is being made **this Friday at noon**, so that is the deadline.

You can find a **chart** here to help with **choosing** your **size**.

#### Payment details

The cost is **\$86.25** each.

We prefer a bank transfer to the club bank account **03-0830-0331992-02** with your **name** as a reference.

If that isn't possible, you will be able to pay **cash or eftpos** at the **club bar** from **next week**. Make sure the person taking your payment **records your name** on the till.

#### **Farewell Bob Gamblin**

Bob died peacefully on **Monday July 17<sup>th</sup>.** There has been a **private cremation**, but there may be a **memorial** for Bob later in the year.

Bob joined Burnside in **1993** and he and his **wife Judy** remained as non-playing members after health issues prevented them from playing.

Bob was a **keen** member of the **Walking Group** and won the **midweek triples** in 2001.

Condolences to his friends and family.



# Friday night members' draw:

Come on Friday at 6:00pm for the next draw.

**\$80** 





















## **Executive Summary**

Key points from Executive meeting of 25 July:

- **Membership** currently sits at **245 members** (49 non-playing).
- The Executive approved **three styles** of hoodie/softshell tops in **Forest Green** as part of the Burnside Club uniform. These tops are **self-funded** by members who wish to purchase one. **Thanks to Matt Small** for initiating the inclusion of the tops and for his work on it.



- Members of the Finance Committee (Alan Bryce, Vincent Chia, Alistair Salt) were invited to attend the meeting to provide an outline of the club's financial position and to answer any questions from Exec members. Thanks to Vincent and Alistair for attending and to Alan for providing a written report (due to being unable to attend).
- Our Treasurer has already received 52 subscription payments. That's great to see, thank you!
- Thank you to **Pam Clarke** who **cleaned** the upstairs **bar fridge** from top to bottom.
- A small **LED light** for the **podium** has been purchased and installed.
- The "come along and have a go" community Open Days will be held on Wednesday 20
   September, Sunday 24 September and Wednesday 27 September.
- Richard Bruce provided some key points from Bowls Canterbury's AGM and
  presentation from Mark Cameron (CEO Bowls NZ) Sunday 9 July 2023 at Burnside
  Bowling Club.
  - Discussion about whether it should be **Champion of Champion** winners or the **Centre Champions** progressing to national events. Bowls Canterbury will seek clubs' views on this later.
  - **3.6% increase** in bowling numbers nationally.
  - o **26,000** full members / 13,000 twilight bowlers.
  - o **30% growth** in **twilight bowls**. Social/twilight bowls is the future of the game.
  - 1783 new first-year bowlers which is the best year this century.
  - Expecting growth of **artificial greens** from **40% to 70%** in the coming years.
  - National Singles/Pairs will alternate between Auckland and Canterbury.

## Marketplace

#### For Sale

Set of size 3 Henselite Dreamline XG

Colour: Marine. Expiry: 2030. Bowls bag included.

Cost: **\$500.00** 

Contact: Fiona Head 022 086 7300



## **Spotlight on Evan Owens**

This is Evan's second year on the executive. He is the men's and under 5 club captain and under 5 selector. He looks after all the club's licensing requirements, as well as doing the odd shift behind the bar.

To quote the much covered song *I've Been Everywhere*, I have been pretty much everywhere in NZ. My **father** worked for NZ railways back in the day when NZ had a functioning railway infrastructure.

Born in Taihape I've lived in Ohakune, Whanganui, Christchurch (started kindy), Dunedin (primary school at Andersons Bay), Plimmerton, Dunedin (finished intermediate at Tahuna Intermediate and started secondary school at Bayfield High School), and finally, well almost finally (but I'll get to that), Paraparaumu on the Kapiti Coast where I just about completed secondary school at Paraparaumu College.

While living the length of the country I've been fortunate to be able to **explore just about every corner** of NZ. The only two places I have neve been are **Gisborne** on the east coast and **Stewart Island**.



The only **real reasons** to go to **secondary school** were woodwork, tech drawing, **lunch** and **500**. So by the time the 7th form had nearly rolled around **I didn't know what I wanted to do**. I wasn't particularly keen to go to university, so I started an **electrical apprenticeship** with a local electrician. That was the start of what has turned out to be a **lifelong career**, albeit with some twists and turns along the way.

Since then, I've had a **couple of years** installing and servicing **security** and **access control systems** and **10 years** working for a **production lighting company** in **Wellington**. There I was lucky enough to work on many **local** and **international** stage **shows**, musicals and concerts. Two of the biggest **highlights** would be the **Rolling Stones** and **David Bowie** at the Cake Tin.

It was while **working** on the **Kapiti coast** I met **Robyn** at a 21<sup>st</sup> and the rest, as they say, is history. Many of you will know Robyn, **my wife** and **better looking bowler**, and **Jayden**, our **son** and arguably the **best bowler**. But we also have a **daughter**, **Haylee**, who thinks we are **all completely mad** and doesn't want anything to do with bowls.

How did I get here? Well, in **late 2006** we decided it would be a good idea to **move** from Wellington **to Christchurch** so I could go to **university** and complete an **Engineering Degree**. We packed up and sold our house in Whitby and moved south arriving in Christchurch **Waitangi weekend 2007** and settling in Burnside.

Upon completing my **degree in 2011**, I started working for **Cosgroves**, a small local building services consultant, as an electrical engineer and have not looked back since. I now **manage** their **Christchurch electrical team**.

When we first moved into the **neighbourhood**, Robyn and I would spend our spare time **exploring** the surrounding area with kids on **bikes** or **scooters** or on our own. We walked past the **bowling club** on many occasions, admiring the **well kept grounds** and the **tranquil nature** of the competition on the green. So about **4 years ago** Robyn and I decided why don't we **give bowls a go**. Jayden decided he was going to join in as well and like most bowlers "I wish I had started much earlier".

Spare time sees me **skiing** in the winter, **fishing** in the summer (if the bowls calendar will allow) or just keeping up with **maintenance** and **DIY** around the house and doing some **woodworking**.

I'm always **happy to have a chat** and can always play the perfect game of bowls in the bar! So if you **see me around**, come and say "Hi".

## Important reminders about clubhouse security:

**Please** be aware of keeping our premises **secure** and ensure the **alarm is set** when you are last to leave. **Last Tuesday** 18 July, at 5pm, the clubhouse was all shut up for the day but the **alarm had not been set** for overnight.

- For your personal safety and for the security of the building, **please snib the lock** on the **main entrance** door downstairs if you are **on your own in the building** or if you are in a small group upstairs.
- If you are using the office, please make sure you lock the office door when you leave.
- If you are the **last one leaving the clubhouse** at any given time, please ensure ALL external doors are locked and set the alarm. If you do not know the alarm code, please do not hesitate to **contact an Exec member** who will explain the simple alarm setting process.
- If you are the **last one out upstairs**, please ensure you **lock BOTH stairwell lounge doors** (exit door to the stairs AND the door by the bar). The main door to upstairs being secure prevented intruders getting into our bar area during the burglary in February.

#### **Nice Clean Chairs**

On **Wednesday** 19<sup>th</sup> July, all of the **upstairs seating** (189 chairs and six bar stools) was cleaned. **Action Carpet Cleaning** did a great job! **Thanks** to the small team of Burnside **volunteers** who helped move furniture.



## **Your Club Needs Your Help**

#### **Non Executive Roles**

There are several **non-Executive roles** that still **need to be filled** asap and the Executive team would be pleased to **hear from anyone** who may be **interested** in volunteering and helping in the **following areas**:

- Raffles: Organising Club raffles
- **Foyer screen display:** Updating the foyer screen with daily club events and happenings. This can be done remotely.
- **Helping in the kitchen:**Being part of a team that sets up tea/coffee etc and helps with dishwashing duties.
- **Kitchen/Catering Convenor:** We need a convenor to oversee the kitchen operations for the coming season. **We use commercial caterers** to provide food at **big tournaments** so that when the various other tasks are shared, the kitchen convenor role is **not as arduous** as it has been in the past. Convenor tasks now include:
  - **teaching** others to use the dishwasher
  - o **looking after** tea/coffee stations
  - **ensuring** adequate kitchen **supplies**
  - o **organising helpers** to cover events when required.

We have **information** about quantities, what worked well, and what might work **better.** 

**Brenda Turner** can **support** the new person, or people, who are **interested** in the **role** or in **forming a team**. Now is a good time to come forward and take on a new challenge.

- **Hire / Bookings:** Manage requests for the hire of the Club.
- **Security:** Be a **point of contact** for members around security of the Club, for example, someone forgets the alarm code, and/or consider **being a contact person** for the security/alarm **monitoring company** in the event of them being called to the Club.

Please **get in touch** with an **Executive member** if you would like **any information** about, or to express interest in one of these roles.

#### **Volunteer Form**

You can volunteer for these and other jobs through the **Volunteer Form**. You would have received one **in your email** last week or you can access it here.

Please **open the link** and **check the boxe**s of the areas you would like to help with. Please don't forget to **add your name**, and please don't forget to **click SUBMIT**.

#### **Bar Roster**

Friday	28 Jul	Graeme Rees
Saturday	29 Jul	Paul Kerr
Monday	31 Jul	Russell Sim

# **Sponsors of the Week**



### **Club Hires and Activities**

Thursday	27	10:00am		Men's Walking Group
		9:30am	Dining Room	Kevin Hickman Group
		10:00am	Match Room	Cards Group
Friday	28	1:00pm	Dining Room	Indoor Bowls
		6:00pm	Lounge	Membership Draw
Monday	31	1:00pm	Dining Room	Indoor Bowls
		6:00pm	Lounge	Rotary of Avonhead
		6:00pm	Dining Room	St John of Fendalton
Tuesday	1 Aug	1:00pm	Exec Room	Mahjong
		5:00pm	Dining Room	CCEL
		7:00pm	Lounge	Canterbury Fly Fishing
Wednesday	2	1:00pm	Dining Room	Indoor Bowls

Contact; hire@burnsidebowlingclub.com