Hotline 303 – 10th August 2023 BurnsideHotline@gmail.com



One matchroom? Seeking feedback

An **email** was sent out to all members on **23**rd **July**, in which the Executive invited members to **give feedback** either in **support** of or **against** only having **one matchroom**.

This is a reminder that **feedback is due** by **5pm** on **Sunday 13th** August.

It can either be **in writing** and left for Secretary Jill Lee in the **foyer mailbox** or else **emailed** to <u>theclub@burnsidebowlingclub.com</u>.

"Cash Out" Bar Till Transactions

With the **increased** usage of **Eftpos** for payment and **lower sales** in **winter**, we feel it is timely to **point out an issue** the club is facing with cash out transactions.

In the last few months, we have had a **number of occasions** where we have had a **negative cash flow** for the week where "**cash out**" transactions have **exceeded** the **cash input** to the bar till. This means we have **not been able** to keep the **float** at the **minimum level** we like to have available in the till.

We ask that everyone operating the till, **check** there is **enough cash before** actioning a "**cash out**" request. As a guide, the **float** normally has a **minimum of \$200** in **\$20** notes and another **\$100 each** of **\$5** and **\$10** denominations.

If the till does **not have** at least **\$400 of notes**, then please **do not take cash out** or **reduce** the size of the cash withdrawal if it is essential. **Small withdrawals** for **raffle change** etc are **fine** but **larger withdrawals** are only available if we have the cash.

For those participating in the **raffle syndicate**, please **bring cash** with you for this rather than using "cash out" at the club.

Please remember that the **club is not a bank** so be considerate of the above request so that the **club can continue** to offer "**cash out**" as an option. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Friday night members' draw:

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

\$70



















Spotlight on Richard Mitchell

Richard Mitchell has just completed a term on our **executive**. He organises the winter **indoor bowls** and also manages the **open days** to encourage new members at the beginning of the season. Here is a bit more about him.

Richard was born in **Dunedin** and grew up as a Mosgiel boy. He attended **Kings High School**, traveling by train daily from **Mosgiel to Caversham**. The train boys had some **notoriety** during that time, and each school (Kings High, Queens High, Otago Boys etc) had its own carriage, and woe betide any lad that strayed into a girl's carriage!

Richard worked at a **local BP** service station on weekends and holidays while **studying at university**. He also spent time as a **general farm hand** on West Otago farms.



Photo: AJ van Hasselt

Richard has a **passion for cars** and obtained his driving license at the **age of 15**. During his twenties, he competed in **sports car club events** such as hill climbs, standing quarter-miles and trialling.

His **parents** were **avid golfers**, and he was a **regular golfer**, before work, travel and family took priority. **Photography** was another interest he had from a young age. He **developed** his **first film** in the family laundry at **age 11**, and has been a member and **regular exhibitor** at Dunedin and Christchurch **Photographic Societies**.

In the **mid-1960s**, as computer technology began to be utilized by some businesses, Richard left university to **join Burroughs Ltd** in Dunedin as a **field engineer**. He started working on accounting machines and small computers but later transitioned to **large mainframe computers**. In 1972, Richard was part of a team that **installed** large Burroughs computer **mainframes** at each of the **five main NZ universities**. These machines weighed several tons, and occupied a large room. Although the PCs that many of us use today are many times more powerful, **university researchers** and **students** at the time made **very good use** of the machines. (*and they looked cool - filling a whole room and with a big flashing B. ed*)

In 1977, he was transferred to **Burroughs World Headquarters** in Detroit, Michigan, for a field engineering product management role, which involved **extensive travel** to **Europe** and Burroughs' plants in **California** and **Pennsylvania**. Richard traveled to **Northern Ireland** early in 1978 to **marry Olive**, whom he had met in NZ during her OE (overseas experience). They have **two sons**, with the eldest one born in Michigan, and **five grandchildren**.

After nearly **five years** in **Michigan**, Richard and Olive **returned to Christchurch** in **1982**, settling in Ilam. He left Burroughs and **joined LINC Development Centre** in **1985** to work on software development. LINC eventually became **Jade Software Corporation**.

He **retired in 2013** and, along with **Kevin Callaghan**, joined **Burnside Bowling Club**, which has turned out to be a **very rewarding** and **enjoyable retirement** activity, making new friends and building new skills.

Richard and Olive moved to their **current home in Prebbleton** in **2016**. He has since been actively occupied with travel, gardening, the Prebbleton walking group, and the bowling club.

Bar Roster

Friday	11 August	Brad Sinclair	
Saturday	12 August	Michael Mehaffey	
Monday	14 August	John Switalla (manager for the week)	
Friday	18 August	Matt Small	
Saturday	19 August	Evan Owens	

Sponsors of the Week



Club Hires and Activities

Members are asked to leave the **Lounge by 6:30 pm** on **Saturday night** as it has been hired by the Christchurch City Chorus for a fundraising event for their USA trip.

PB Goosey Ltd **painting** the outside of the **pavilion** this week

Indoor Bowls every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00pm in the dining room.

Thursday	10 Aug	2:00pm - 5:00pm	Dining Room	Connectix
Saturday	12 Aug	7:00pm - 10:00pm	Lounge	Sweet Adelines
Sunday	13 Aug	9:00am - 2:00pm	Lounge	Canterbury Fly Fishing
Monday	14 Aug	6:00pm -8:00pm	Lounge	Rotary
		6:00pm -8:00pm	Dining Room	St John
Tuesday	15 Aug	1:00pm - 4:00pm	Exec Room	Mahjong