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## Great Effort

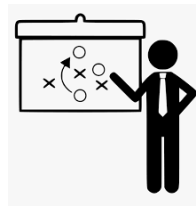
Members were invoiced for their **subs** last weekend. **10%** (26 members) **paid** that **same day!** Many thanks from Alistair.

## Bowls Tactics

### Dominating the Kinder Hand

Sometimes one hand is much **easier** to play than the other and both teams are trying to **force** the **opposition** onto the **poor** hand.

The team that **dominates** the kinder hand **invariably wins** the game.



This is where the skip needs **full buy-in** from their team to stay on the kinder hand **no matter what**.

Sure you'll **knock** up some **opposition** bowls but you'll invariably come out **on top**.

## Tournaments

### Ultimate Bowls Qualifying Event

The Ultimate Bowls Championship is an **International** Lawn Bowls **Event** with a **\$500,000** prize pool. The next Championship is being hosted at **Moama** Bowling Club in **NSW**, Australia in **December** 2022. To gain **entry** you need to win the **Qualifying Event** at New Lynn Bowling Club **27-28 August**. Teams of **three**, first come first served. Enter here [Qualifier Entry Form](#) or contact UBC Director [rebecca@ultimatebowls.com.au](mailto:rebecca@ultimatebowls.com.au)

## Bar Roster

Here is the roster for the week ending 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> August	Peter Doell	4:00pm to 6.00pm
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> August	Evan Owens	4.30pm to 6.30pm



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## Spotlight on Richard Bruce

This week we hear a bit about our **new president** Richard Bruce in his own words.

I've been **married** to **Kerrie** since **1987** and we are the proud parents of **two daughters**. Most will know of our younger daughter **Tayla**. Our elder daughter **Caitlin** lives in **Temuka** with her husband and their eight-month-old son (our first **grandchild**).

Born in Christchurch in **1966**, I spent my early years in Christchurch, Invercargill, Clinton, and Timaru. My **father** was a **police officer** and a **dog handler**. I have great memories of having a retired **police dog** as a **pet** and living in these smaller towns.

I went to **Riccarton High**. In my teens, I took up **competitive cycling** and had some success as a road and track cyclist.



My first job was a **court officer** at Christchurch District Court. The best thing to come out of this was **meeting Kerrie**, who was also working at the court at that time. The day before my 19<sup>th</sup> birthday, I **joined the police** and that was the start of **28 years** of sworn **service** (over two stints). I've held various roles, from being a **constable** through to an **inspector**, and I was also a **qualified detective**. My police service included a few great years with the family in **Taihape** and **Greymouth**.

During a break from the police, I went to **University of Canterbury** and graduated with a **BA**. Currently, I'm a **nonsworn manager** with the police and I lead the **Police Prosecutions** Section for the **South Island**.

I have been a **member** of **Burnside** since the **2001-2002** season. With work commitments (including **living away** from Christchurch for **three years** recently), I haven't always played regularly but have always remained a member and been an **avid watcher** and follower of bowls. Prior to being **co-opted** last year, I also served **two years** on the Executive from **2012-2014**.

Outside bowls, I like watching any **live televised sport** and I have a keen **interest in wine**.

I'm very **proud** to have the opportunity to serve as **Burnside's President**.

## Market Place

### Wanted to Buy

Second hand **size 2** bowls.

Contact **Kathy** Tretheway on **027 362 9933**. Kathy is a member of Morrison Ave Bowling Club.



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## Letter from Birmingham

This report is written with **2 days 17 minutes** to go until the Games **open!!!**

The Games village is **not one single village** but has teams staying at different complexes closer to their competition venues. The **NZ team** is spread across **four sites**. Our bowls team is staying in the **Warwick University** grounds in Coventry. It is all **fenced** off for security reasons and we walk about **7 minutes** to the **dining** hall and **20 minutes** to the **transport** hub. That's a bit of a way to carry bowls bags but airport like luggage trolleys come in useful. The **dining** room is open **24 hours** a day. As you can imagine the menu is diverse and one has to take care not too overindulge. There are also a couple of "**Grab and Go**" tents around the complex which are well stocked with fruit, salads, sandwiches, and drinks and snacks of all varieties. It feels weird to just **walk in**, be given a paper shopping bag, **load up** and **walk out!!**

The bowls team was the **first group** to arrive at our complex and we were honoured to be **welcomed** with our **NZ Team Haka** on our arrival. With that process we became part of the Tangata Whenua so we are now **part** of the **welcome group** and **Haka** party as other **Kiwis arrive**. We have been privileged to welcome the NZ **Judo** team and the Women's and Men's **Rugby Sevens** teams. It was very special when both the Sevens teams **responded** to the **Haka** challenge with their **own Haka** and **Waiata**.

The **volunteers** have been **friendly** and gracious and ensure we have everything we need. The **security** is significant with the police and private security companies ensuring we are all safe. We understand that the **total security force** for the games equates to about the **size of half** of the **NZ police force**.

We had our **first two days practice** at the local **Wellesbourne** Bowling Club It was great to get on the **11 second green** and shake off the **jet lag** cobwebs.

We then moved on to the **headquarters** greens at **Leamington Spa**. All teams are able to book **3 or 4 rinks** for **three hour** practice **sessions** on a **daily** basis. There are **five greens** side by side. The finals green is surrounded by **high grandstands** on two sides and an enormous **tv screen** on another.



The greens are all running **11/12** seconds which is manageable given our preparation on croquet lawns and similar. All rinks play differently with some **straighteners** around the place. It is critical to **read the green early**. Having **5000** noisy **spectators** will be something else to **adjust** to.

A **practice match** was played against **South Africa** today. The vision impaired and para women did not play but the open men's and women's pairs and triples and men's para pairs did. The **results** were **not** as we **wanted** with only the para men having a convincing win and the four open sides all registering close losses. On **Tuesday** another **practice match** will be played against **Wales**.

The bowls team will **not be attending** the **Opening** Ceremony on **Thursday** due to our team responsibilities around **Covid**. We wear **masks** at all times, **inside** and **out**. The open and para events will start on **Friday** with the vision impaired starting on **Sunday**. Not surprising but everyone is getting a little bit excited.

Go the Kiwis.

Kevin Smith

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## Club Hires and Activities

Friday	29 <sup>th</sup>	1:00-4:00pm	Dining Room	Indoor Bowls
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup>	1:00-4:00pm	Dining Room	Indoor Bowls
		6:00-9:00pm	Lounge	Rotary
		6:00-8:00pm	Dining Room	St Johns Fendalton
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00-4:00pm	Exec Room	Mahjong
		7-30-9-30pm	Lounge	Fly Fishing
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00-4:00pm	Dining Room	Indoor Bowls
		12-30-2-00pm	Lounge	Legal Secretaries
		6:00-8:00pm	Dining Room	Pioneer of Canty Marching

Any news, bowls equipment for sale, stories, notices?

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