

**Hotline 292 – 25<sup>th</sup> May 023**  
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## Executive Summary

Key points from the 23<sup>rd</sup> May meeting:



- If you'd like to **have a say** in how your **club is run**, please consider putting your **name forward** for **next season's Executive**. **Nomination for Office forms** can be found in the **downstairs foyer**. Meetings are held **monthly** (currently on a Tuesday night, starting at 7:00pm and usually finishing between 9:00-9.30pm). If you are interested and **would like more info**, please don't hesitate to **chat to a current member**. We'd love to hear from you. •
- **Thank you** very much to all those who contributed to the grand total of the **\$677.50 donation** to **Canterbury Charity Hospital**.
- **Membership** currently sits at **256 members** (55 non-playing). Welcome to new members: Paul McFadzien, Nigel Ward and Teejay Ward.
- Burnside has **nominated David Conroy** for **Official of the Year** and **Jamey Ferris** for **Greenkeeper of the Year**. (see more info on awards night P3).
- Just another reminder that our **AGM** is at **2:00pm** on **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June**. Note your calendars!

## Kitchen/Catering role 2023-2024

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 other tasks are shared between many, 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**, to look after **tea/coffee stations**, ensuring adequate **kitchen supplies**, and **organising helpers** to cover events when required. We have **information** about quantities, **what worked well**, and what **might work better**.

**Brenda** 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.

**Please get in touch** with Brenda, phone 351 2638 or 0274855622.

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## Spotlight on Pat Bonham

Pat has **contributed** so much in so many areas of the club. He ran the **Corporate Bowls** for a number of years, **manages the coaching team** and is always on hand for advice, and recently been a **member of the executive**. Here is a bit more about him.

Pat was **born in Christchurch** but his roots are **Irish**. His father was from **Abbeyliex Ireland**. His mother was born in Christchurch, but her parents were from **Northern Ireland** (“before”, as Pat says, “the Pom;s nicked it”). As a result he has **Irish citizenship**.

He is **one of six** kids and went to **Sacred Heart** Primary in Addington then **Prebbleton** Primary before landing at **St Thomas** in Sockburn.

He **started work in 1975** at the Public Service Investment Society, aka **PSIS**, and now the Co-Op bank..

He transferred to **Timaru in 1978**. He joined **State Insurance in 1979** and remained there for the next **38 years**, holding a succession of management positions in Timaru, Paraparaumu and New Plymouth.

He arrived back in **Christchurch in 1998** as a Commercial **Manager** for the South Island **Call Centre** and in **2007** became **manager** of the **NZ Claims Technical team**. This team handled all the large, complex and high profile claims for the company.

One fateful day in early 2010 Pat told his Regional Manager that his staff were bored. “**We need a decent disaster,**” he suggested. Dear oh dear! Despite his lack of experience with earthquakes (like us all!), he was bestowed with the title of **IAG Earthquake Expert**. After **8 years** of EQ claims **he retired**.

Pat has always been a **mad keen sportsman** and played everything until he smashed his knee playing rugby while at school. He'd been playing **indoor bowls** since he was **10 years old** so took up the outdoor bowls at Kia Toa when he was in Timaru. While playing indoor bowls he met his “**lovely wife**” **Carol** and life long friend **Bruce Wakefield**. He and Carol have **3 children** Ryan, Kelsie (who has 2 kids) and Sophie.

Regarding his bowling career, Pat says he had **excellent coaching** from day one and played in really good teams. He **represented South Canterbury** in his 6th year and has also represented **Kapiti, Taranaki** and **Canterbury**. He has won **10 centre titles**. Two of those were in **Canterbury**: one with Colt (Graeme Rees) in the **pairs** and one in the **fours** with Geoff Clark, George Nicoll and Murray Hill. Frustratingly he has **lost 2 semi finals** in the **National Fours**, one on the **last bowl** and once on an **extra end**. He has won **16 club championships**, 6 at Burnside, and has a singles, pairs, triples and fours title to his name.

**Carol** also took up bowls and caused quite a stir playing the **final** of the Sth Canterbury **junior singles** being **6 months pregnant** with Ryan.

Pat says that In the last 46 years so **many people** have given him so much of **their time** to help him. **Now it is his turn...**and he's doing a **great job!**



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## Indoor Bowls

Indoor bowls continues every **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday** afternoon, with an average attendance of **12 - 14 players**, so we have room for more if you'd like to join us! Please **arrive around 12:45 pm** and place your **name tag** on the **table in the men's match** room in time for the draw just before 1 pm.

A reminder that if the club house is otherwise unoccupied when bowlers leave, **last person to leave** please check all **doors are locked, turn off the heating, set alarm and close gate** when exiting.

## Keith McFarlane Acknowledgement

Judith, Barb, Joss and Nicky would like to **thank and acknowledge** the **support** we have had from the **Burnside Bowling Club** and members.

We very much **appreciated** being able to hold **Keith's Celebration** at the Clubrooms, it was the perfect venue. Special thanks to **Neil Cornelius** for his tribute and to **Alan Bryce** for making it all happen.

**We look forward to** donating a trophy in Keith's name to be presented in the **coming season**.

**Many thanks**, kindest regards, **Barb Wiersma**

## Bowls Canterbury Awards Dinner

**Where:** Hornby Working Men's Club

**When:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 4:00pm (awards starting at 5:00pm)

**Tickets:** \$45.00 pp, includes dinner.

Contact [marketing@bowlscanterbury.co.nz](mailto:marketing@bowlscanterbury.co.nz), 03 351 2070 for your tickets by 6<sup>th</sup> June

## Important reminders about clubhouse security:

- 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 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.

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## Men's Tuesday Walking Group

This group walks **every Tuesday**, meeting at a nominated place usually at **9:30 am**. The **choice of walk** each week is up to the **rostered organiser** of the day who also contacts the other members on Monday about the **pick up arrangements** and the actual **walk location**.

**Winter walks** favour the many **local beaches**, tracks that are not muddy or slippery and **comfortable hill walks** or **urban strolls** encompassing Christchurch's numerous parks.

Tuesday's walk (16<sup>th</sup> May) **departed Northwood** at 9:30 am and **drove to Kaiapoi**. We walked on the **Pegasus Walkway** beside the **Kaiapoi** and the **Waimakariri Rivers** to Beach Road which took us to **Pines Beach**. The sun was warm, the sea and sky were both blue and we could have been on the Gold Coast! The mid tide provided firm sand and **excellent walking conditions** and we continued on to the **Waimakariri River Mouth**.

We **lunched at Kairaki**, last week's minutes were read, and various **world problems were solved** before returning to the car via Beach Road. We finish each walk at a **cafe chosen by the day's organiser**. Today Mike chose **Silverstream's Urban Revival**.

This walk covered just over **11 kms** and we were all home **by 2:00 pm**.

If you are **interested in joining** this group or **want to come on a walk** to see if you like it contact **Ken Wilson-Pyne** at 358 2457 or [kmwp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kmwp@xtra.co.nz) for more information.

You will be made very **welcome**.



MIke, Graham, Ken and Cliff enjoying a walk near the Waimakariri River Mouth

**Friday night members' draw:**

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

**\$55**

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## Keeping in touch

If you **haven't seen** someone around **for a while**, it might be worth **getting in touch**. They may be unwell, having treatment, or dealing with something that is weighing on their mind, and **might appreciate** a phone **call**, an **email**, a note or a **visit**.

Thinking of:

- **Johnny Rowe** who has had more than **8 weeks in hospital**, but he's finally home again, still on a long road to recovery.
- **Catherine Sun** who was away **in Taiwan** during the winter but on her **return** became **unwell** and had some time in hospital. She is **recovering at home** in Russley Village now.

Thinking of them and any other members who are unwell.

## Changes to Bowls Canterbury Programme

On Tuesday, Bowls Canterbury had a panel meeting to discuss the feedback on this season's programme. A few changes have been made. Here are some:

- Promotion / Relegation playoffs have been scrapped.
- Over 60's have now moved to Tuesday mornings 9:30
- Manning Cup has been reverted to Saturday afternoons at 1:30pm
- Women's Premier Sevens Triples and Pairs both to play 18 ends.

Here is a [link](#) to the full raft of changes.

A full review will take place at the end of next season.

## Bar Roster

Friday	26 May	Brian Clarkson
Saturday	27 May	Andy Cockcroft
Monday	29 May	Pam Clarke

Any news, bowls equipment to buy or sell, stories, notices?

Contact the Hotline

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## Club Hires and Activities

The **Dining Room** has been **hired for 2 weeks in October** for a **polling booth** during the Elections.

Thursday	25	1:00pm	Dining Room	Advantage Plastics (8)
Sunday	28	2:30pm	Lounge	Caseley Wake
Monday	29	6:00 pm	Lounge	Rotary of Avonhead
		6:00pm	Dining Room	St John of Fendalton
Tuesday	30	1:00pm	ExecuRoom	Mahjong Group
Wednesday	31	3:30pm	Dining Room	NZ Cricket (10)

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