

Hotline 296 – 22nd June 2023
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Annual General Meeting

This Sunday 25th June 2023 at 2:00pm. See you all there!

Measuring Course

David Conroy is very pleased to report **100% success** in his first batch of **measuring candidates**.

Along with a member from Beckenham, **Millie Knox**, **Mike Small** and **John Liddy** all became **Accredited Measurers** following a test at Halswell on Sunday. They were put through their paces by **Bowls NZ President** Ann Wright and **Bowls NZ Chief Umpire** Michael Johnson and **all well exceeded** the 90% pass grade.

David would like to thank **Robert Clark** who assisted with the training. **Six others** have taken the measuring course and it is hoped they will **present** at a **future test**.

Once the **new season** is underway David is happy to **run another course** or courses. **Anyone interested** should contact him on 021 069 2625 or at david.conroy1944@gmail.com

Hohepa Visit

On Friday 16th June a group of 10 from **Hohepa Canterbury** visited the club. Here is a **note** from their organiser **Aaron Randall**.

“Just want to **thank you** again for the **great lawn bowls session** that you facilitated for us on Friday. Our guys **thoroughly enjoyed** it and it was great to see how **engaged** all of them were **with the sport**.”

Thanks again and I'll **definitely be in touch** about organizing **another session** in the future for a smaller group!”



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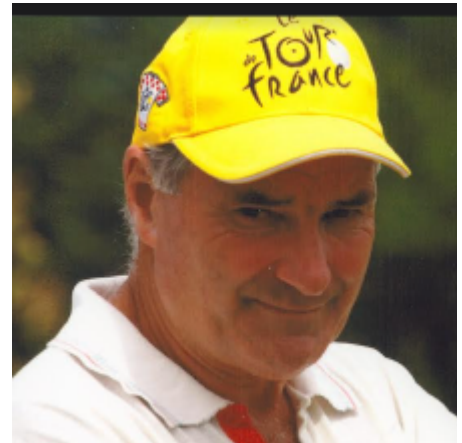
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Spotlight on Ken Wilson-Pyne

Self described as “**the boy who never left school**”, Ken will be known to most of us as the calm and efficient **organiser of Saturday bowls**: a big job that includes running **festival bowls**, in-club **tournaments** and **inter club friendlies**. What many newer members may not know is that he has also been the **organiser** of several **international bowls tournaments** including **World Bowls** in Christchurch in 2008. Ken is one of our valued **life members**. Here is a bit more about his life.

Born in **Dunedin**, Ken was the youngest in the family with two older sisters. He was educated at **High Street School**, **Anderson’s Bay School**, and **King’s High**, before moving to the **University of Otago** on a bonded teaching studentship. He graduated with a **BA** with majors in Geography and History and a **Postgraduate Diploma** in Arts.

Ken married Margaret in Edendale and then headed for Christchurch **Teachers’ College** in January 1967. Margaret became the first **Community Nurse** to work at Christchurch Women’s Hospital.



Starting at **Rangiora High** in 1968, Ken **taught** a mixture of Geography, Social Studies, English and Physical Education, and **coached** football, volleyball and cycling. In 1973 he moved to **Aranui** as **Head of Social Sciences** and in 1978 became **Associate Principal**. Ken very much enjoyed his time at Aranui with “some of the nicest and cleverest kids you would ever want to meet”. In **1973** his **son Rob** was born. Rob is now Deputy Headmaster at Shirley Boys’ High School.

From **1981-89** Ken worked for the **Department of Education**. He spent 6 years as a **Secondary School Inspector** based in Dunedin and Christchurch, and then became the **Regional Senior Education Officer**. In August 1984 Ken was awarded a Commonwealth Relations Trust **Fellowship** at the **University of London’s** Institute of Education to research and **study Health Education**. The family spent **12 months** in London and travelled extensively in Britain and Europe.

The family **returned to Christchurch** in January **1987**. The winds of change were stirring in education and **Tomorrow’s Schools** was turning from an idea to a reality. As Regional Education Officer, Ken’s biggest role was **setting up** the Southern Region’s **Employee Support Network (ESN)** to look after the mental health and general health of all employees who would be affected by the coming changes.

In **1989** the **Department of Education** was disestablished and the **Ministry of Education** was born. The **Education Review Office** took over from the **Inspectorate** and for six months Ken managed the **Residual Management Unit** which tied up all the loose ends in the Regional Office. He then moved to the **College of Education** as **Director of Secondary Teaching**. This did **not work out** for him as he was stepping from one thing to another too soon after the demise of an organisation that he valued. He could have done with the services of the ESN!

In **1991** he became the University of Canterbury’s **Liaison Officer** working with schools, and prospective and advancing students advising them about what was available at UC (and other universities) and helping them plan their future studies.

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After **11 years** Ken took **early retirement** having completed **40 years** of government service. The first aim was to get his **golf handicap down** to where it once was but in this he **failed miserably**. A call from **Don Bisman** led to a new venture; the Tuesday **Walking Group**.

In **2004**, **Bowls NZ** offered him the job of part-time **General Manager** (of one employee - himself!) to **organise** the **2008 World Bowls Championships** in Christchurch with **Burnside** as the Headquarters Club. The carrot was a **trip to England** to the 2004 **Women's World Bowls** Championship at Royal Leamington Spa to see **how** or **how not** to run a major sporting event. He spent the **next three years** planning with lots of help from **Vince Roper**, **Bill Fowlie**, **Warwick Ainger** and many volunteers. This job included involvement in **9 international events** all before World Bowls 2008. Ken took Tom Cruise's advice "**show me the money**" before spending any! **World Bowls 2008 made a profit**.

Ken participated in cricket, rugby, track and road cycling, football, volleyball, golf and bowls at various times. He ranks himself as a **jack of many sports** but master of none. His **DNA** would have been found on Invercargill's **Kew Bowl Cycling** track when it was torn up as **he crashed** on three of the six occasions he raced there.

In 2009, **Margaret and Ken** had a long planned **trip to Europe** that included a **walking tour** in Switzerland, Italy and Austria; the **British Golf Open** at Turnberry and five stages of the **Tour de France**. Ken and Margaret are **immensely proud** of their **two grandchildren**, Jack and Elsie, who have brought a new meaning to their lives. Ken is very **grateful to Margaret** for supporting him so fully, especially in his frequent absences from home. He couldn't have had a better partner.

Ken **started bowls** in Dunedin at the **Kaituna Bowling Club** in **1983** where he played with his father. He joined **Burnside** in **1987** and can't imagine playing anywhere else. The walking groups are a wonderful bonus and he is looking forward to continuing his **involvement** in **Saturday** afternoon "**social**" **bowls** for some time yet.

Mental Skills Day

This **Sunday 25th June** 1:00-2:30 pm at **Riccarton Racecourse Bowling Club**, Bowls Canterbury are excited to have **Todd Astle**, former NZ cricketer, doing a session on **Mental Skills**. This session is aimed at those players that are wanting to take the next step in their game of bowls. As part of the **Step-Up programme**, Bowls Canterbury are having off-the-green sessions to advance their game. This is the first session for the programme and there are limited **spaces available**.

The session is free to attend. Please contact **Erica Ayres**, 027 530 9215, development@bowlscanterbury.co.nz.

Note: This session overlaps with the **Club's AGM**

Thank you

Thanks to the **volunteers** who helped **take down** all the **curtains** in the club. We look forward to seeing the **result** when the new curtains and blinds are **installed** later in the week.

Friday night members' draw: \$75

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

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Bar Roster

Friday	23 Jun	Ken Stevens
Saturday	24 Jun	Nick Cooke
Monday	26 Jun	Derry Johnston

Sponsors of the Week

	<p>We are a fully MTA Authorised workshop located in Burnside that offers a full range of mechanical repairs in our modern, clean workshop.</p>
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Club Hires and Activities

Indoor Bowls every Monday , Wednesday and Friday from **1:00 pm**

Thursday	22 nd	10:00am		Walking Group Departs
		10:00am	Match Room	Cards Group
Friday	23 rd	2:30pm	Lounge	Robin Howman's Wake
Saturday	24 th	6:00pm	Dining Room	Vutikalullu Family
Sunday	25 th	2:00pm	Lounge	Club Annual Meeting
Monday	26 th	6:00pm	Lounge	Rotary of Avonhead
		6:00pm	Dining Room	St John of Fendalton
Tuesday	27 th	1:00pm	Executive Room	Mahjong

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