

Hotline 297 – 29th June 2023
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Welcome to our new Executive

A **new executive** is now in place after the AGM on Sunday. Congratulations and we all wish you a happy and productive season. Also many **thanks** to the two departing executive members **Pat Bonham** and **Richard Mitchell** for their contributions.

The **main points** from the **meeting** are on Page 2.



Back: Tracy Wilkinson, Rodney Kearney, Richard Bruce (Pres), Hamish Wilson (Vice Pres), Nick Cooke, Evan Owens

Front: Fiona Head, Jill Lee (Sec), Kerrie Bruce, Alistair Salt (Treas)

Farewell Mike Sykes

Mike was a **valued member** of our club who was capable of playing in **any team position**. He had a rapid and usually accurate drive in his arsenal, but if you asked him where he **preferred** to play he would always say as a **lead**. He achieved a **silver star** winning **5 club championship titles**.



Mike was a **Gold Grand Master bridge player** and accompanied many teams to **international** tournaments as a non playing captain.

He was a **highly regarded academic registrar** at the **University of Canterbury** with particular responsibilities for enrolment, examinations and graduations.

Mike was **contemplating a return** to the greens this year having taken time out to care for his wife **Janet** who had been ill and passed away just over a year ago. He will be **sadly missed**.

Fiona Head
Rawleigh's
TRADE MARK



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Annual General Meeting

The **60th AGM** was held on **Sunday 25th June**. Here are some of the main points.

Attendance

66 members attended and **20 apologies** were received.

Financials

The **Statement of Accounts** and **Balance Sheet** for the Financial year ended 30th of April 2023 and the **Budget for 2023-2024** were accepted. **Alistair Salt** (Treasurer) commented that the club had a **great year** with post Covid celebrations and successful grant applications contributing along with solar power reducing our energy bills. Corporate bar sales and green hire were strong contributors.

Bowls NZ and **Bowls Canterbury levies** are to **increase** this coming season and this along with recommendations made by Bowls NZ led to a decision being made to increase our club Subscription fees. The meeting voted that all fees be **increased by \$5.00**:

- Full Subscription \$310.00
- Year 1 and 2 \$170.00
- Full time Tertiary Student \$170.00
- School Student \$40.00
- Non-Playing/Social \$55.00

Executive appointments

- Richard Bruce (President)
- Hamish Wilson (Vice President)
- Alistair Salt (Treasurer)
- Jill Lee (Secretary)
- Executive Committee members:
 Kerrie Bruce, Rod Kearney, Evan Owens, Nick Cooke, Fiona Head and Tracy Wilkinson.

Notices of Motion:

1. A motion was presented regarding Selector appointments and in summary stated that **no more than two selectors** from each selection group (Men's, Women's and Under 5's) be appointed.

An amendment to this motion was proposed from the floor **increasing the number** of selector appointments for each group **to three**. The amendment was **carried**.

As there were **four nominations** for the **Women's Selector** group, members were asked to vote via a secret ballot. **Pam Clark, Pam Clarke** and **Karolyn Boon** were appointed.

A further amendment was proposed from the floor that a fourth Selector's category called '**Mid Week Selectors**' be added to the Non-Executive roles. This motion was carried. There were no nominations for this appointment.

2. A motion was presented regarding a '**soft-shell/hoodie**' in **Burnside colours** with club insignia to be made **part of the official uniform** and be available for purchase by members, the design and colour to be approved by the club Executive. This motion was carried.

Full minutes will be published on the website in the **next few days**.

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Spotlight on Hamish Wilson

For the next couple of weeks we'll have a closer look at some of the **returning executive** members. Here are links to **previous bios** of the **current executive**: President [Richard Bruce](#), Secretary [Jill Lee](#) and long term member [Kerrie Bruce](#).

Hamish holds many important roles in the club. He is currently our **Vice President, Chair of the Men's Match Committee** and joint **Bar Manager**. Phew! He is also the current Men's **Singles Champion**. Here is a bit more about him.

Hamish grew up on a **dairy farm** in the **Rai Valley** halfway between Nelson and Blenheim. His parents are both farmers and his sister is a vet. Growing up on a farm, his first job was helping with the **milking**. Hamish started **playing bowls** at **age 11**, joining his father at **Havelock** Bowling Club. He used second hand shoes and bowls organised by "the giant" (**Andre Smith** – a champion Marlborough bowler). It was there he **learnt** how to **pour a pint** of beer. He was often seen behind the bar until a **retired policeman**, a member of the club, complained that he shouldn't be **servicing beer at age 11**.



Hamish attended school at **Nelson College** as a boarder and joined **United Bowling Club**. He spent much of his spare time down at the bowling club and has a number of club titles there. Hamish also holds several **Nelson Centre titles** and **represented Nelson** on several occasions, playing the singles for the centre prior to the arrival of Shannon Mcilroy. Hamish also served on the **Executive** of United Bowling Club.

At the **age of 17**, Hamish moved to **Motueka** to commence **flight training** to become a Pilot. In **2008** he gained his **commercial pilot's license** at the age of 18 and at the age of 19, became a **flying instructor** for the flight school he trained at. During this time, Hamish also worked as a **ski instructor** at Rainbow ski field and as a **barman** at the **Riwaka Hotel**. At one point, he was managing **3 different jobs** at one time and somehow getting **paid for 8 days** of work a week.

In **2012** Hamish headed **overseas** where he spent **4 months traveling** around USA, Canada, UK and Europe before moving to a small town in **Australia** called **Jabari** in the Northern Territory. There he spent **5 months** in the **Australian outback** flying aboriginal locals and tourists around. In **2014** Hamish moved to **Christchurch** to start working for **Air NZ**, flying regional routes as a **First Officer** and in 2016, he became a **Captain**. Hamish is an elected delegate of the New Zealand **Airline Pilots Association** and **represents** around **550** colleagues in that role.

Hamish is an **excellent bowler**. He has **6 club championship** titles and has **represented Canterbury** several times. One of the highlights of his career was winning the **Kittyhawk singles** in Auckland when he was 18 years old. The Kittyhawk was a singles **youth tournament** and was unofficially regarded as the New Zealand U19 tournament and title. It was similar to the current Burnside U26 singles. The **trophy** from the tournament was **so large** that it **didn't fit** in the overhead **locker** of an Air NZ plane, a fact Hamish only realised after boarding the plane.

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Somewhat accident prone, he had a **ski accident** but ignored the discomfort, carried on **skiing**, and the next day **flew a plane**. That afternoon after some convincing from a nurse friend he went and got it looked at. Long story short, it turned out he had **fractured his tibia bone** in his left leg. An interesting discovery during the Xray and MRI Scans was that he had previously **fractured his leg** at a similar location **years earlier** but had been **completely unaware**. Another incident occurred a couple of years ago when he was walking the **Milford track**, head down in the pouring rain he **walked head first into a tree** which was obscured by his cap. He only realised after he was flat on his back staring up at it. Last year Hamish had **back surgery** to fix a **herniated disk** in his back, another injury that he isn't fully sure about how or when it occurred. Let's hope he keeps out of trouble this year.

Outside of bowls Hamish **enjoys skiing** at the Canterbury club ski fields, **modern jive dancing** where he competes at dance competitions around New Zealand (he has a couple of medals to show for his efforts). He also enjoys **hiking** and checking out the many backcountry huts scattered around New Zealand. As a hobby, Hamish **fixes up** damaged **flat pack furniture** when he has time. He is currently in the process of **designing** and then **building** some **townhouses** to replace an old house he owns that was damaged by the earthquakes .

Time to Update Your Details

It's that time of the year when we need to **update** the Club **Database**.

Can you please **email** secretary **Jill Lee** at theclub@burnsidebowlingclub.com with any **changes** to the following:

- **Address:** please include the **name** of Retirement Village if you live at one.
- **Phone:** as you want it to appear in the **programme book**.
- **Email:**

Also please let Jill know if you **no longer require** a **locker**.

Slide Shows

AJ has put together some lovely slide shows. Have a look at the latest featuring our successful members at the Bowls Canterbury [awards night](#).

You can find all the slide shows [here](#). (Who.. What.. When →Useful Links →Slide Shows)

Friday night members' draw:

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

\$80

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Winter Bowls

Halswell Bowling Club runs weekly **winter fours** tournaments and Burnside has three teams entered. The **format** of the tournament is to play **four 7-end** games each day. The sponsor, **Bell, Lamb & Trotter**, provides a trophy called the **Winter Cup** which is contested **over five weeks** and is presented to the team with the **most ends won**.

This year a **Burnside team was victorious**. **The team consisted of Neil Cornelius, John Lindsay (skip), Peter Doell, and Vincent Chia**.

Over the five weeks **James O’Kane** and **Brad Sinclair** also contributed. Well done!



Winners of the Halswell Winter Cup.

Neil Cornelius, John Lindsay, Ian Bell (Sponsor), Peter Doell and Vincent Chia.

Using the Lift

There have been issues with the **lift door not closing** correctly. The lift technicians have advised that **marks on the door** indicate the **door is being hit** with objects. This can cause the door not to function properly.

Can you **please ensure** that the lift **door is held open** to allow access to the lift, **especially when using trolleys**.

Bar Roster

Friday	30 Jun	Michael Murphy
Saturday	1 Jul	Lindsay Hodder
Monday	3 Jul	Donald Lyall

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Club Hires and Activities

Thursday	29 th		10:00 pm	Men's Walking Group
		Match Room	10:00 pm	Cards Group
Friday	30 th	Dining Room	1:00pm	Indoor Bowls
		Lounge	6:00 pm	Membership Draw
Saturday	1 st	Dining Room	5:00 pm	Rosie Griffins 48
Monday	3 rd	Dining Room	1:00pm	Indoor Bowls
		Lounge	6:00 pm	Rotary of Avonhead
		Dining Room	6:00 pm	St John of Fendalton
		Executive Room	7:00pm	Club Executive Meeting
Tuesday	4 th	Executive Room	1:00 pm	Mahjong
		Lounge	7:00 pm	Canterbury Fly Fishing Club
Wednesday	5 th	Dining Room	1:00pm	Indoor Bowls
Thursday	6 th		10:00 am	Men's Walking Group
		Match Room	10:00 am	Cards

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