

Hotline 302 – 3rd August 2023
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Happy Birthday

Doug Youl turns **90** on Thursday 3rd August.
Best wishes from us all.

Tony Bennett

Tony Bennett has **resigned** from his position as **cleaner** at the club. His resignation was accepted by the Executive and Tony's last day of work was **Monday 31 July**. We say a **huge thank you** to Tony for his many years of service to the club.

Of course, Tony remains a **valued playing member** of our club and we look forward to seeing him out there on the greens next season.

Richard Bruce, President

Update your Details

Another reminder to let our secretary, **Jill Lee**, know if you have any **changes to your contact details** so they can be **correct** in the **programme booklet**.

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Trip to Palm Cove Anyone?

Last year **Ross Bell** won an **accommodation voucher** at the Racing Cup Tournament. Because of his ongoing leg fitting problems, he has had to **cancel the trip**.

He is **offering the voucher for \$800.00**. It is for **5 nights** at **Palm Cove**. The room rate there is A\$295.00 per night, so this is nearly **50% discount**. The proviso is that the travel will need to occur before the **end of this month**.

Contact **Ross** on 021 321 344 or ross.bell@xtra.co.nz



Friday night members' draw:

The last prize was collected on 21 July.
Come on **Friday** at **6:00pm** for the next draw.

\$60

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Spotlight on Arjan (AJ) Van Hasselt

AJ is the **guy in orange!** He is a regular around the club, often behind his **camera** or **managing** the data at **tournaments**. He is behind the development and continual expansion of the **Tournament Management System** that **produces cards** and **maintains results** for everything from **festival bowls** to the **Burnside Pairs** and more! It is **used in several clubs** around the country. Responsible for **many things in IT** he developed and maintains the **club's web page**, manages the **slide shows** and **electronic notice boards** and is happy to make **house calls** for members with IT problems.

And of course the **Ken and AJ Super Saturday** tournaments.

Here is a bit more about his life.

AJ's parents arrived in **New Zealand** from the **Nederlands** in **1951** and he was born in **1954** at **Thames** maternity hospital.

In **1959** the family **went back** to the **Nederlands** for a year. AJ **started school there** and **learnt Dutch** before returning to **Thames**.

In **1963** they moved to **Tokoroa** in the middle of the **North Island** where he finished intermediate and high school.

This was where **his interest in photography** began. He **started** a photography **club** and took **action photos** at the school **sports days**. He organised the **Miss Tokoroa High contest** and used the **profits** to build a **dark room** and **enlarger** for printing photos.



While at school AJ **played hockey** and was selected for the **New Zealand Secondary team** for two years running. He then went to **Otago University** to study **physics** and gained a **B.Sc.** In **1975** he did a one year teaching course at **Christchurch training college**, and **married Clare**.

He **taught at Hamilton Boys** for two years and then migrated south to Dunedin where he taught **Physics, Science and Maths** at **Bayfield High**. He studied **Tai Chi** for several years and it helped relieve the stress of teaching.

In **1985**, AJ **left teaching** to become a **trainee computer programmer** at **Cadbury Schweppes Hudson**. It was here he learned to eat chocolate for morning and afternoon tea, and started his jogging career. He joined **Cardinal Network** in **1987** and then in **1989** moved to **Christchurch** to join the **LINC Development Centre**. Here he taught programmers how to build systems using the **LINC** fourth generation language.

In **1995**, he was made redundant and left the company for six months before returning to what was now the **JADE Software Company**. He **taught JADE** to kids, university lecturers and business IT people. The job took him to **Australia, USA, Singapore** and the **UK**. He was involved in developing a **mortgage application** for HML in **Skipton, Yorkshire**.

In **2019**, AJ decided that **65** was a good age to **retire and leave the programming to the youngsters**. **His first retired task was to join a walking group**. His watch tells him he

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walks about **1900 km** each year. He also joined a Friendship club and started reading, especially **science fiction**.

While in Dunedin AJ **played bowls** for about a year with his father-in-law and took it up again in **1992** after damaging his achilles tendon. He played in the **Burnside Pairs** twice with the late **Mike Sykes**. He enjoys meeting people from other clubs and especially likes the **Manning Cup**. He has tried his hand at **directing a blind** bowler, and won a **silver medal** for directing **Spencer Stacy** in the **2020** National B3-B4 Singles.

While AJ was overseeing the **JADE kids**, they developed the beginnings of the **Bowling Tournament Management system**. This was first used for the **Burnside Pairs in 1996**. He continues to develop the system and has recently developed a feature that allows players to update game results on their cell phone and send them back to the office. He also built a **google sheets** application for **Bowls Canterbury** to record and display interclub results.

He built the club **Website in 2003**. It is a wonderful resource, containing a huge amount of information and history. AJ is constantly adding features (such as being able to enter tournaments on line).

AJ has a **daughter** with a Master of Fine Arts degree and a passion for the colour orange, and a **son** who coaches the New Zealand 3x3 basketball team and lectures at Canterbury University. He has **two grand girls** who keep his mind challenged and he enjoys doing arty type projects with them.

Bar Roster

Friday	4 August	Ray Sefton
Saturday	5 August	Paul McOscar
Monday	7 August	TBA
Friday	11 August	Brad Sinclair
Saturday	12 August	Michael Mehaffey

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

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Deadline: 5pm Wednesdays

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Club Hires and Activities

See what's on **each day** by clicking on the **foyer display** link on the **web home page**.

Indoor bowls every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1:00pm

Monday	7 August	1800-2000	Lounge	Rotary Avonhead
		1800-2000	Dining Room	St John Fendalton
Tuesday	8 August	1900-2100	Lounge	Canterbury Underwater Club
		1300-1600	Lounge	Mahjong
		1230-1600	Exec Room	BITO
		1000-1200	Lounge	Friendship club
Wednesday	9 August	9000-1230	Exec Room	BITO
Thursday	10 August	1400-1700	Dining Room	Connectix

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