

Hotline 305 – 24th August 2023
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Farewell Mort Young

Mort died on Friday **18 August**. He was a **life member** who joined the club in **1987**. In the fortnight before his death Mort had been **working with the Hotline** on a **bio** which is printed on page 3. A **private funeral** has been held.

Match Room Survey

Thank you to all the members who provided feedback on having only **one matchroom**. This room would include **all competitions** and would be situated in the **room off the hallway/foyer area**, as it is accessible to all members.

There were a total of **45 responses** received, of which **39 were in favour** and **six against**.

The **main concern** of the six against was **congestion** (and this was also raised in comments from those in favour). The main theme from those in favour was: **One club, one matchroom**. Comments from those in favour included **suggestions** about the **utilisation of space** and that **clutter** in the (current) men's matchroom would need **to be cleared**.

Based on members' feedback, **planning will proceed** to create one matchroom.

Opening Day

Mark your calendars! The new season (non-bowling) Opening Day function will be held on **Saturday 2 September at 4:00pm**. More details to come.

Centre Events

Entries are now **open** for the **2023-24 season**. Enter [here](#).

Friday night members' draw.

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World Bowls Championships

Fifteen years ago, **13-year-old Tayla Bruce** was **persuaded** by her **parents** to go with them to watch some lawn **bowls** at the **2008 World Bowls Championships** at Burnside Bowling Club.

A keen **netballer**, Tayla was fascinated to see **younger players** representing their countries at this international event.

She was particularly taken with **17-year-old Kelsey Cottrell** who was playing singles and triples for the **Australian Jackaroos** team. She **avidly followed** Kelsey's games during the event and was **hoping to meet** her. Late one freezing afternoon, she was excited to **get a photo (right) and autograph** at Bowls Papanui (another host club for the event).



It was **this big event** that **sparked Tayla's interest** in the game. **Seeing younger people** out there playing at **such a high level** provided **inspiration** of what could be achieved and **encouraged** her to **start playing**. It wasn't long before she had **ditched netball** and was the proud owner of her **first set of bowls** - turquoise Taylor Vector VS size one - with **big dreams** of maybe one day playing for New Zealand.



And of course **she achieved** that dream! Among her **many successes** being **two bronze medals** at the **Commonwealth games** (left) and taking out the **World Champion of Champion Singles** last year.

Fast forward 15 years after that first introduction to bowls, the now **28-year-old Tayla** will be proudly donning black and **representing New Zealand** on the greens as **Blackjack #54** at the **2023 World Bowls Championships**. The event is being held on the **Gold Coast** and starts on **29 August**. Tayla starts her **singles** games in [section 4](#) on **Tuesday of next week**. We wish her every success.

You can **follow the Championships** at these links:

[Event information](#) [Live scoring](#) [Schedule and results](#)

Best Wishes

Best wishes to **Kevin Smith** who is **coaching** the Para Team and **Vincent Chia** who will be **officiating** as an International Technical Official at the World Championships.

Congratulations

Graeme Rees has been appointed to the **World Bowls Coaching Advisory Panel**. What an honour! **Well done!**

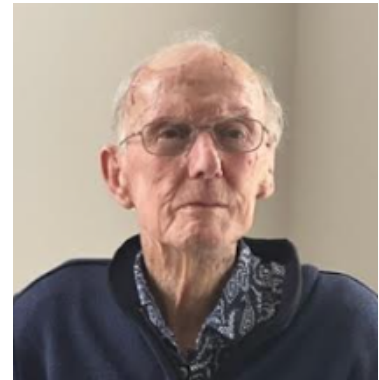
Spotlight on Mort Young

(Sadly Mort died a few days before this publication.)

Mort Young was one of our **life members**. He was instrumental in **establishing** and/or **running** many of our **tournaments** including Festival Bowls, Medley Triples, Mixed Pairs Championship, and the Gala Pairs. He was also an **international umpire** and officiated at many **international events**. He was a **club captain, sheriff**, and the **founding editor** of the Hotline. Here is some more about his life.

Mort's **early days** had their problems mainly through the **passing** of **both parents** at an early age. His father died when he was 12 years old and his mother when he was 17.

Mort attended primary school at the **Andersons Bay School** in Dunedin followed by four years at the Rectory at **Timaru Boys High School**. He really enjoyed his time at TBHS where he managed to claim **athletic track records** in the junior 440 and 880 yds. These records were held at that time by **Pat Boot** who represented NZ at the 1936 Olympics.



His **working life** started with the clothing company of **Ross and Glendining** and after four years he joined **Lane Walker Rudkin Ltd.** At LWR he moved through the **sales ranks** to become **Branch Manager** and then **Divisional Sales Manager**. Mort then set up an independent company **LWR Leisurewear** and became the **Managing Director** of a successful company built around good people.

Around the time he joined LWR he **met Pauline** and they **married** when Pauline was **21** and Mort was **24** years old. He remembers Pauline's mother, **Joyce**, as a **fantastic lady** who treated him like a son.

They have **two girls** and **one son** and appreciate the support they have given them recently. They have **five grandchildren** and **six great grandchildren** - all doing very very well. **Abbey**, who is 14, has been selected for the **U16 New Zealand Water Polo Squad**, and **Finn**, at 16, is the **youngest hockey player** in the **premier division** in Canterbury.

Following his **retirement** from LWR, Mort's life has revolved around **bowls at Burnside** and **administration** at Burnside and **beyond**. He has found this to be a very rewarding period of his life. He was **club captain** for 8 years, established **many tournaments**, and organised the **club tracksuits**.

Mort became an **international umpire** and officiated in **numerous countries** including Australia, Malaysia, Wales, England, Scotland and South Africa. A highlight was **marking the World Men's Singles Final** at Fendalton in 2005. He also **officiated** at the **World Bowls** in 2008 and 2017, and the **Asia Pacific Championships** in 2007 and 2016.

Outside of bowls Mort and Pauline purchased a **holiday home** in **Arrowtown** which they owned for 17 years.

Mort looked back on his years with **much satisfaction** and recognised the **wonderful work** so many **new members** are doing. He said that he "thought **Burnside** was in **great shape** and was **proud** to be a **member**".

Bar Roster

Friday	25 Aug	Michael Small
Saturday	26 Aug	Peter Quinn
Monday	28 Aug	Mike Weeks (Manager for the week)
Friday	1 Sep	Bea Watts
Saturday	2 Sep	Kevin Rowe

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Club Hires and Activities

Indoor Bowls: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 1:00pm

Mon	28 Aug	1800-2000	Lounge	Rotary
Mon	28 Aug	1800-2000	Dining	St John
Mon	28 Aug	1330-1530	Executive	Roydvale Probus
Tue	29 Aug	1630-1900	Dining	CCEL
Tue	29 Aug	1300-1600	Executive	Mahjong
Wed	30 Aug	1300	Lounge	Karcher set up
Thu	31 Aug	0800-1600	Lounge	Karcher