

**Hotline 306 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**  
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## Opening Day

**Date:** Saturday September 2  
**Time:** 4:00pm

**Mayor** Phil Mauger, **Councillor** Sam MacDonald, and **Bowls Canterbury General Manager** Lorraine McLeod will be attending.

There will be **no bowls**, but it will be a great chance to **catch up** with members old and new.

**AND...**it will be **happy hour** for the whole event! See you there!

## BAM Afternoon

**BAM (Bring A Mate)**. Bring some of your **friends** along, **show** them around **the club** and have a **drink** and **chat** in the bar. There will be no bowls, just a get together.

**Date:** Saturday September 9  
**Time:** 4:00pm.

## Subscriptions

Subscriptions for the **2023/2024 season** are now **overdue** .  
Could you **please pay** by **Opening Day**, Saturday September 2.

## Helpers Needed

If you can **help** out the club for a **few hours** here and there please fill in the [Volunteer Form](#).

It would be great to have **more people** to help in the **kitchen** and the **bar** as this will reduce the **number of times** helpers are required.

We are still looking for someone to **manage the Foyer display** where the **screens** that show what's on are **updated**. This can be **done from home** and full assistance to get started will be given.

## Interclub

The form to enter pre Christmas Interclub is [here](#). Please complete by September 24

## Happy Birthday

**Pat Seear** turns **93** on **Wednesday** September 6. **Happy Birthday** from us all.

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## World Bowls

**Tayla Bruce** got off to a flying start **winning** her first **five singles games**. Congratulations!!

- 19-17 vs China
- 21-7 vs Niue
- 21-11 vs Japan
- 21-18 vs Switzerland
- 21-15 vs USA

Watch for [results here](#). Tayla is in Section 4.



Tayla, Kerrie and Richard Bruce getting ready for day two.

See this [interesting article](#) about the New Zealand team.

## Tournament

**Bowls Tahunanui Bowling Arm Tournament**  
(For anyone who regularly uses a bowling arm or small arm)

### Drawn Pairs

**Date:** Monday October 9  
**Time:** 9:00am  
**Cost:** \$10.00  
**Contact:** Ray Dyson 021 037 5742, [bowlstahunanui@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bowlstahunanui@xtra.co.nz)



**Friday night members' draw:**

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

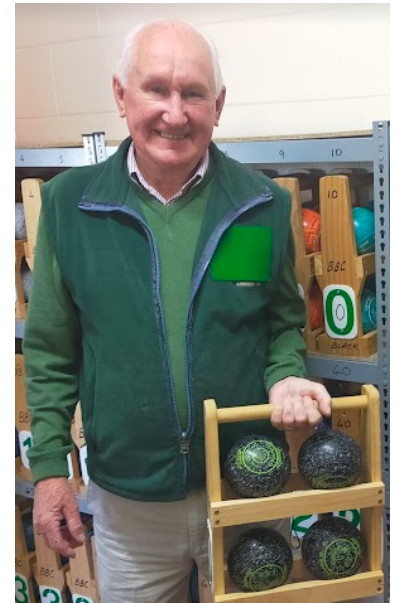
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## Spotlight on Tony Bennett

Tony has recently resigned after being the **club's cleaner** for more than 17 **years**. He is also responsible for having made 80 of those **wonderful wooden carriers** for the club's bowls sets. Here is a bit about his fascinating life.

Tony was born in **1935** in **Sheffield** and started school there at the **outbreak of World War II**. Being an industrial city, Sheffield was a **prime target** for **German bombers**. In the winter of **1941-1942** he and his family emerged from an air raid shelter to find the roof blown off their home and all the windows and doors blown in. Searching in **bomb sites** for German curios to take to school was a normal pastime. His **best friend** Patrick and a younger brother found **an anti aircraft shell**, carried it home as a **souvenir** only for it to **explode**, killing them both. Difficult times indeed!

Tony started his working life with **Andrews Toledo**, a **steelworks** in Sheffield and became part of a team selected to process a new metal, **Titanium**, widely used in the **aerospace** industries. It was not realised at the time how important Titanium would become for **medical implants** (the only known element not to be rejected by the human body).



In the **post-war** era, thousands of people were **migrating** from **Europe** to countries in the Commonwealth and the United States. Having once met a Kiwi couple in a hotel in Bournemouth, Tony **applied for migration** to **New Zealand**.

At 22 he farewelled family and friends, and after a **sea voyage** of more than **5 weeks**, arrived in Wellington and then on to Christchurch. With its gardens, rivers and hills and wide streets, he found it a **huge contrast** to **industrial Sheffield**. He worked briefly for **P&D Duncan's** who manufactured farm equipment, and then for the **Union Steamship Company**.

After **two years** his commitment to the immigration service was over, but by now he was **happy in his life** in Christchurch, playing **golf**, learning to **fly** and meeting his **wife Jill**. Jill was also an English **immigrant** who came here for a job at **Ballantynes**. They have **two sons**. Stephen, a **canon** at **Canterbury Cathedral**, was originally an organist and once officiated at an **ANZAC service** at Whitehall and **Westminster Abbey**. Their younger son, **Tony**, was a chorister with the **National Youth Choir**, an excellent golfer and is now an **air traffic controller**.

In 1960, **Tony's parents** moved to **Christchurch**, and Tony and his **father** operated a **Blue Star Taxi** for 24 hours a day between them. Jill and Tony spent 10 years as **licensees** at **Warners Hotel** and then ventured into their own **sports and cycle business**. They then took over the **NZ Post franchise** at Ilam. Such a varied set of careers!

Tony had success as a **golfer** and **billiard** and **snooker** player. After his retirement he took up **bowls** and won the inaugural **Canterbury Junior Singles** title. However his **ambitions** were curtailed when he had a **serious run in** with a **billiard cue** at the **NZ Snooker Championships**. This eventuated in his **eye socket** now being **strengthened** with that miracle metal **titanium** he worked with in Sheffield as a youngster!

Now he is just **happy** to get out on **Burnside's beautiful greens** and hope to get a **bowl** somewhere **near** the jack.

## Bar Roster

Friday	1 Sep	Bea Watts
Saturday	2 Sep	Kevin Rowe
Monday	4 Sep	Ken Wilson-Pyne (manager for the week)
Friday	8 Sep	Barry Williams
Saturday	9 Sep	Brian Southen

## Sponsors of the Week

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## Club Hires and Activities

Thu	31 Aug	0800-1600	Lounge	Karcher
Fri	1 Sep	1800	Lounge	Members Draw
<b>Sat</b>	<b>2 Sep</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>Lounge</b>	<b>Opening Day</b>
Mon	4 Sep	1800-2000	Lounge	Rotary of Avonhead
Mon	4 Sep	1800-2000	Dining	St John of Fendalton Fancy Dress
Tue	5 Sep	1300-1600	Executive	Mahjong

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

Contact the Hotline

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Deadline: 5pm Wednesdays