

Hotline 322 – 21st December 2023
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From the President

It is hard to believe that **another year** is almost over. **Thank you** to all our **amazing volunteers** who have contributed so much of their time to Burnside this year. All that you do for our club is **much appreciated**.

A special **thank you** to all those who will be **volunteering** in some capacity during the **upcoming Nationals**. It is an honour to be the headquarters for the Nationals and we can be **proud** having a club that can host such an event. **Good luck** to all our club members who are competing; we **hope you do well** and we look forward to watching the results.

We appreciate the **great work** that our **greenkeeper, Jamey**, has put in again this year. Our greens **look great** and I know players will be **excited** to be **competing** on them during **Nationals** and during the **Rawleigh's Stewart Buttar Burnside Pairs** event that follows.

I wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and look forward to **seeing you all** back on the greens **next year**.

Richard Bruce

Match Committee

Men's Triples

Those teams that were **unable to play** their **round 2** match due to interclub 7s last Saturday are requested to **organise a catch up game** if they can **this Saturday** December 23. Please write games on the board for the green keeper.

Men's Pairs and Singles

If you are behind in these games, **please organise** to get these played **ASAP**.

Bar Roster for National

Here is the [bar roster](#) for the nationals. If there are **any issues** with the shifts you have agreed to do, please contact **Hamish Wilson** 027 333 4070. This roster will be added to the **website** towards the end of December.

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Thursday Walking and Cards Group Function

Neil Anderson

Current and past members of the **Thursday Walking Group** – some of whom now play cards at the Club on a Thursday morning instead of walking – enjoyed meeting together for a **Christmas lunch** on Thursday December 14.

Before the lunch, some enjoyed a **walk** around **Burnside Park** looking for **answers** to **33 searching questions** curated by **AJ** and **Neil Andersen** with prizes awarded over a cup of tea. Some questions were quite **cryptic** – e.g. *What is the number plate on the yellow roller housed behind the cricket pavilion?* – and others **botanical** in nature – e.g. *What is the Latin name for the protected tree about 18 paces due east from the slide in the children's playground?*

Twelve of us met at one of our club sponsors, the **Avonhead Tavern**, for **lunch**. The Tavern had **decorated** the table and supplied **Christmas crackers** along with the traditional **paper hat** and **joke**. We took turns at reading out the jokes while our meals were being prepared. **Some were funnier than others!** We all **appreciated** the **hospitality** extended by the **Avonhead Tavern** and we **encourage** Club members to **eat and drink** at the Tavern as the opportunity arises.

It is **great** to feature a Walking Group **photo** which **includes AJ!** Usually he is behind the camera and out-of-shot. For those that don't know AJ, he is the guy in orange in the photo.

Walks on **Thursday mornings**, departing at **10:00am** from the Club, will resume **January 18, 2024**.

All Club members are welcome to join in. **Contact Neil Andersen** on 027 453 8501.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas.



National Women's Singles – Players Required

Two players have **withdrawn** from the Women's Singles **6 – 9 January**. If you would like to fill the gaps, then contact **Chris Lander** +64 21 109 5965, chris@bowlsnewzealand.co.nz.

Raffles take a break

After a few weeks of **great prizes** (hams, whitebait, lamb) the raffles are **taking a short holiday**. They will **start again** after the Rawleigh's Stewart Buttar **Pairs** in mid January.

Many thanks to **Fiona Head** for her efforts.

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Bar

We have had a number of members message us to say that they **can't do bar duty**. As such, the bar will **not be staffed** on December 23. The only play scheduled for that day is **women's club championships**. Members playing in that event **may open the bar** themselves if they so choose.

One of the things that keeps bar **prices** nice and **low** is the fact that the bar is predominantly **staffed by volunteers**. If you do **enjoy a drink** at the club, then you should **consider volunteering** to do a bar shift. With approximately 250 members, if everyone did a little, it would only be one to two shifts a year.

If anyone would **like some training** on the bar, please contact **Hamish Wilson** 027 333 4070 who can organise this for you.

Saturday Bowls

Ken and AJ's Super Saturday

Last Saturday **47 players** played 3 games each of 6 ends. The fact that each of the six ends had a **different twist** meant that players had to **demonstrate** concentration, patience and on some ends untapped skill.

Thanks to Ken Wilson-Pyne, AJ van Hasselt, Neil Anderson and Rhonda Reid for organising such an interesting and **fun day** which included a very different and **entertaining prize giving**.

- Best Skip Michael Mehaffey
- Best Second Robyn Owens
- Best Lead Liz Reese

Saturday 23 and Saturday 30 December

At least **one green** will be **available** for members' play. If you wish to practise for the National Championships or have a game or roll up, **just turn up** on the day and organise yourselves.

Note: Women's Championship Pairs and Men's Fours Reserve Games (if required) are timetabled for Saturday December 23.

Saturday January 6

Summerset **National** Singles and Pairs

Saturday January 13

Elmburn Shield interclub friendly V Elmwood Park. **At least 32 players** are needed.

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Elmwood Park.

Entries: Entry sheet in the Match Room or [online](#).

Rawleigh's Stewart Buttar Burnside Pairs

Come and watch some excellent bowls in the invitation pairs which are also on this weekend.

Saturday January 20

Normal **Festival Bowls resume** along with Interclub and Club Championships

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Bowls NZ Announces Trans Tasman Team:

Tayla Bruce has been **selected** by Bowls NZ to play in the **Trans Tasman** event scheduled to run from **February 2 – 4, 2024** in Wellington. The event returns to NZ for the first time **since 2017**. See the full report [here](#).

61st ISPS Handa Halberg Awards Nominations:

For the **second** year, **Tayla** has been **nominated** for the Halberg Awards. Also, the **Blackjacks women's team** has been **nominated** for Team of the Year, and **Para lawn bowlers** Teri Blackburn and Julie O'Connell have been **nominated** for Para Athlete/Para Team of the Year. The [long list](#) of athletes will be reduced prior to the awards night in **mid-February 2024**.

Well done Tayla!

Interclub Update

Any Combination Pairs

Jamie Ferris and **Nick Cooke** will play Halswell in the final. (In January - not next week as on the Bowls Canterbury Website.)

Centre Newsletter

Read the latest form Lorraine and co [here](#).

World Bowls Reunion

Bill Fowlie

On the weekend of **January 26 and 27**, there will be a **reunion** of competitors, officials and volunteers for the **1974 Christchurch Commonwealth Games**.

It is 15 and 7 years since we ran the **2008** and **2016 World Bowls** and **Kerry Clark** (who played in the Games Bowls Fours Team) will be in town. This got me thinking that we could get him along on the **Sunday January 28** for a simple **get together** at **Burnside Bowling Club**.

Idea

Meet around **12:00pm** on Sunday **January 28** for **snacks** and a **drink** with a few speeches - say 2 hours.

Cost: Each attendee to **bring a plate** of eats OR contribute **\$10.00** for eats to be catered. Kerry is amenable to the idea of a get together so let's see how much interest there is.

If you are interested in the idea then let **Bill Fowlie** know by **Friday December 29** Bill@fowlie.co.nz, 022 697 3560

Working Bee

9:00 am **Thursday** December **28** to help **spruce up** for the Nationals January 2 – 9. Your assistance will be appreciated.

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Tournaments

Sydenham Bowls

Mixed Pairs

Date: Wednesday December 27

Time: 12:30pm

Cost: \$30 per team

Contact: 027 240 5394, sydenham.bowling@gmail.com



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Club Hires and Activities

Thu	21 Dec	1800	Green Only	U5 Pairs Rd Playoffs
		1400-1600	Corporate Groups	
Fri	22 Dec	1000-1300	Corporate Groups	
Sat	23 Dec	0900-1200	Green Only	Women's Club Pairs Round 3
		1330-1600	Green Only	Women's Club Pairs Round 4
		1330-1600	Green Only	Men's Club Fours Reserve Day
		1500-1600	Corporate Groups	

Friday night members' draw:

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

\$130

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