



Morrison Avenue Bowling Club Inc Newsletter September 2026 Canterbury Club of the Year 2021-2022

The members turned out in force for Opening Day last Saturday. After the traditional roll up President Ian MacPherson declared the 2026-2027 season open. Unfortunately, play was not possible on the greens due to the need to protect the soft surface this early in the season. However both greens are looking superb and the wait is worthwhile.

Ian then welcomed the new members and ran through the various renovations that have been done over the winter. He also introduced the management team and their functions in the running of the club.



With the hosting of the MPRFC junior prize giving finished for the season, we must give a huge thanks to Bernie Fahey and the kitchen staff for their excellent work throughout the season providing food for the hungry players and parents. Also to Tom Hogg for once again serving and stocking the bar. Tom has done an amazing job managing the bar over the last 20 years and has earned a well deserved rest.

The club has a new sound system which is a big improvement on the old one, thanks to Gerard Collins for the installation. Gerard has also installed **outside security cameras** in 3 places round the club. This will give a higher level of security and members should be aware that these have been installed. Signs will be erected advising that they are in operation.

A team led by Gerard and Doug have been busy painting the plinth boards and other fixtures round the grounds. This has tidied up the club and enhanced the appearance of the club grounds. Also take a look at the large mural which has been repainted. The greens staff of Steve Street and Harley Panapa have worked hard over the winter producing two superb looking greens. I'm sure they will be fantastic to play on.

More members to thank, Dave Dalton to printing the handbooks and the Have a Go Day brochures. Dave has been printing the handbooks for a number of years and this is a big saving for the club. Thanks Dave.

Thanks to all the members who have paid their subscriptions. Our Treasurer Jeanette Brant advises that to be eligible for interclub, members must be financial, with subscriptions due by 30th September. Payment may be made by Direct Debit, at the bar or in cash. Any **cash payments** can be placed in the metal box on the back of the outside office door. Make sure you identify what the payment is for. If you any questions about subscriptions or other financial matters please get in touch with Jeanette.

The Friday night membership draw with the new card numbers will not commence until 1st October . The current membership number will be used until that date.

Note from the Match Committee: names on the board for the Trevor Umlers Trophy 26th September and the Mixed Presidents Cup 3rd October. When your name is on the board and you are unable to play please **just put a line through it, don't rub it out.**

If you have any questions for the match committee: Men contact Mike Young 022 420 8517 or Ron McTaggart 022 151 6535. Women contact Margaret Shields 021 234 0064, Lyn Wilmott 027 502 5091 or Maggie Howard 021 023 76354

Have a Go Day is to be held on Sunday 4th October between 1.00pm - 3.00pm. This is a great opportunity to bring any members of your family, friends or neighbours to have a go a bowls. See the



attached flyer, there are supplies of these available for distribution in letterboxes in your neighbourhood.

Keep an eye on the website for when the greens are open. At this early stage on the season protection of the greens is important and opening will depend a lot on weather conditions.

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