

Bowls Canterbury

From the Centre Desk

April 2024

Bowls NZ Centre Meeting – Mark Cameron and Martin McKenzie will be at the Burnside Club 6pm **Thursday 16 April**. Information pertaining to this meeting has been sent to all Presidents and Secretaries.

Congratulations Tayla Bruce – Talya was named the **Sport Canterbury Sports Person of the Year** last Friday night. She said she was amazed to receive the award as the other nominees had also achieved a lot. However, she is our World Champion, and we are very proud that her achievements have been recognised at this prestigious event.

Under 26 Team Sponsor- We are sending a Canterbury representative team to the Wellington U26 5-a-side tournament in June. We do not have a budget for this but see this as an opportunity for our up-and-coming players to play at a higher level and develop their experiences in a different environment. We are unable to get a quote for the airfares so can't apply for funding. We are trying to avoid asking their parents to assist so are looking for a team naming rights sponsor or several sponsors from clubs or individuals who many want to donate. The team sponsor would be printed on the teams' shirts. The event will be live streamed by Bowls NZ which will provide extra publicity to for the sponsor. Please contact me on 027 530 5280 or lorraine@bowlscanterbury.co.nz if you can help or know anyone who might willing to assist.

Centre Green – will remain open until sometime in May – we will let you know when it will close. The only time it will be closed is if we get too much rain or a frost or at odd times when Steve's is fertilising it. Give us a call to check if it is open before heading down.

Biannual Programme Review – thanks to all who sent in submissions for this review. We are currently compiling a questionnaire that will be available for all members to complete. This needs to be completed by **Wednesday 1 May**. The form will be sent to all club secretaries, and we encourage them to send it to all members.

Annual Awards Evening – is being held at the Addington Events Centre on Saturday 8 June. The ticket price is \$50 per person. We are looking forward to hosting this event at a new venue. Tickets will go on sale mid-May.

Award Nominations – these have been sent to all club secretaries and are due back at Bowls Canterbury on **Monday 6 May**. The categories we are asking you to nominate your club people for are Young Player, Volunteer, Coach, Official, Para Player, Administrator, Greenkeeper and of course Club of the Year. This is a chance to acknowledge the unsung heroes in your club and to celebrate with them.

Trophies – please can you return these to the office asap so we can get them engraved in time to be presented at the prizegiving.

Coaching – Bowls Canterbury Coaching Courses are Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 June. These courses are for people wanting to become a Foundation Coach, Development Coach or do their Development Coach update/re-accreditation course. Please ask your club secretaires for more information or Erica. To sign up get in touch with Erica.

Champion of Champions Semis and Finals Venues –semis on Sunday 20 April at Burnside and finals on Saturday 27 April at Papanui Club.

Good Things Happening in Clubs – Congratulations to Marge Wong and her team at Canterbury 2017 for the initiative engaging with local schools providing bowls for several weeks for those pupils. I heard there are some very good bowlers amongst them. It was even better that they managed to get the Seven Sharp cameras there. I know a lot of other clubs are doing fantastic work with their local schools too and we applaud all of you. We now need to make sure their feeder secondary schools promote bowls as a Wednesday sport option in the summer or get the parents bowling with the kids at clubs.

.MG4 Electric Hatchback Wins Car of the Year 2023

The all-electric MG4 was selected as the year's best car by DRIVEN Car Guide and the AA. The MG4 became the first all-electric vehicle to win the award.

AA Chief Mobility Officer, said the MG4 is a winner in many areas, it was the full package, from the price point alongside the range, the seven-year unlimited kilometer warranty and the user-friendly design features. It sets the benchmark for an affordable EV in the New Zealand. Adding it was a worthy winner To test drive the new MG4 with Cockram MG. Visit www.cockrammg.co.nz or call the team on 03 595 5768

