



Morrison Avenue Bowling Club Inc
Newsletter October 2024
Canterbury Club of the Year 2021-2022

Dear Members

Once again, attendance at Opening Day was amazing and what a great vibe afterwards as we mixed and mingled. Enthusiasm for the new season was evident for sure. Harley and the Greens' Committee have been working very hard to get the greens back to our high standard and we just have to be a wee bit patient until this happens.

The men had the first round of their fours' championship on Saturday and the competitive spirit and friendly rivalry was reasonably evident even on the adjoining green! Lots of friendly banter in the lounge afterwards as well. Speaking about competitive spirit I read a great article recently about catering for the competitive bowler versus the more social bowler and I hope we meet the needs of both these groups. As I always say let us know any suggestions for improvements if deemed necessary.

The late Brian Flaws family joined about thirty or so members last Friday to have a drink in his honour. Tom Hogg gave a wonderful tribute about him outlining his bowling achievements as well as his years of voluntary work for and generosity to the club.

Last week we hosted the Clubs South Island Women's Tournament and there are numerous people to thank for running such a successful four days. I run the risk of missing someone out so I shall just mention by name a couple of the bigger tasks undertaken. Margaret Shields organised all the helpers and kitchen staff so a huge thank you to her for her usual efficiency in making things run smoothly. Another big task was catering for the four days, managed very ably by Polly Looker. Thank you to her and all the kitchen staff helping her each day. And lastly a big thank you to all the other volunteers, including those who marked out and prepared the greens, many of whom worked every day.

We look forward to the start of interclub and club championships and hopefully some continuing good weather.

Take Care
Trish

Building Committee

With the removal of the power poles the club was able to apply for funding to enable the renovation of the toilet block to proceed. Grant applications were lodged with Rata Foundation and NZCT for the full cost of the project. Unfortunately these were declined so the Building Committee will meet to discuss how they can move forward on further applications.

Greens & Grounds Report

A group of members has been formed to help Harley with the rolling and other maintenance on the greens. Many thanks to Ron McTaggart, Campbell Buchanan, and Bruce McKendry for volunteering their services. Also the club would like to thank Bob Davison for his continued support and advice on matters related to the greens.

The spraying for moss is continuing and it is having good results. Seaweed fertiliser is being applied to encourage growth and control weeds. A new transmission has been fitted to the roller at a cost of \$2294. This will ensure that one of the most used pieces of machinery in the club is fit for purpose and reliable.

The lawn mowing and grounds teams have been hard at work and as usual the club is looking great. Well done to all the volunteers. I must say what a difference the renewal and painting of the seats has made. Well done Bernie Fahey for his work over the winter for doing this.

Financial Report

The club is financially in a good position and with the subscriptions currently being paid our cash flow is positive. Remember that to play in Inter-club and the Club Championships your subscription must be current. **The closing date for subscriptions is 31 October 2024.** We were successful with a grant for our Greenkeepers wages from **Pub Charities** and we thank them for their support.

Our insurance policy has seen a \$2500 increase on last year and like all insurance the premiums keep climbing. However it's important that the clubs assets are fully covered.

Our Treasurer Jeanette Brant has had a difficult task transferring our banking to Westpac and she is still not comfortable with the change. There have been a number of problems and let's hope that these can be sorted soon. Thanks Jeanette for your patience in dealing with this matter.

Business House Tournament 2025

Margaret Shields is busy sending out fliers to previous team contacts, new contacts and dropping off to local businesses. If the response is similar to previous years we will have 2 full greens again. The list of 2024 teams will be displayed shortly on the stand alone white board in the clubrooms for members to check their team and confirm their participation.

Club Day Dress

Our Club Captain reminds all members that the **Saturday dress code for Women and Men is full club uniform.** Club day on Tuesday can be club shirt and tidy trousers/shorts (no jeans please).

Have a Go Day

This is to be held on **Sunday 20 October 1.00pm - 4.00pm.** This is a chance for prospective members to have a go at bowls and hopefully join our club. There are fliers available so please endeavour to bring a friend or family member to give bowls a try.

Christmas Functions

At this stage we have 3 private functions booked before Christmas and helpers are needed for assistance with the bowls. The dates and time will be put on the notice board so please write your name up if you can help. Any questions please contact Margaret Shields.

Saturday 16 November

Friday 6 December

Friday 13 December

We have pulled out of hosting both the Para Bowls and NZBLBA tournaments which were to be held in November. The reasons were the lack of information provided, clashes with inter-club restricting our ability to provide members and the fact that work still needs doing on the greens. We didn't feel that this would be completed in time.

Maggie Howard is looking for a couple of more teams for the Open Triples Tournament to be held on Friday 25th October. **Please contact Maggie** if you are not playing and would like to enter a team.



30 Morrison Avenue, Papanui

Open Day

Sunday 20th October 1pm to 4pm
(wet or fine)



Every Friday afternoon from
3.00pm (weather permitting)
Please wear flat soled shoes
Bowls and coaching available
School students Wednesdays
2.45pm
Coaching available every
Thursday
at 11am or by appointment
Ph Denis 021 125 1920
For more information please
Email: secretary@bowlsrus.co.nz



Fish & Chip nights are coming back with the first night planned for **Friday 8th November**. These were popular last year and I know a number have asked when they will be back. Full details will be advised shortly.

Here is 3 of our wonderful volunteers working hard to put up the trellis between the two greens. Well done to Bruce McKendry, Bernie Fahey and Neil Roberston for doing this, they all do a great job round the club along with all the other members.

Looks like they are happy that the job is finished.

