

Bowls Canterbury

From the Centre Desk

November 2024

Amie Maclennan has started. It is great to have her in the office and I am sure Sharon who has been our wonder woman will be glad of the break and will find more time bowl again. Amie and Erica will job share initially while Amie learns the ropes. They will advise who to communicate with and who will be looking after what over the next few weeks.

Getting to know Amie – She grew up and went to school in Twizel, she has recently completed a Bachelor of Sport Coaching at Canterbury University – the same degree Erica. She plays a variety of sport, has a grandmother who bowls at the Papanui Club so along with the coaching she has done with Erica knows a little about our game. Many will have met her when she has been coaching with Erica at school/club sessions.

Centre Communication

A couple of seasons ago we asked that all communication to the Centre comes via your club secretary. This worked well but doesn't seem to be happening as much anymore, probably because of executive in clubs. When the secretary is the main communicator it means we do not get several calls about the same issue which in turn leads to clearer communication lines and less confusion. Secretaries, please remind club members to talk to you first leaving you to communicate with the Centre office. Also please make sure these newsletters are forwarded to ALL club members.

A New Coaching Resource

One of our clever coach/bowlers has designed this target mat which is more bowls specific than our standard coaching resource but also bowler when having a roll-up. The shape is so a bowler is encouraged to aim beyond the jack rather than bowl short. The mats have holes in the corners and sides so they can be easily pinned down. They are made of a sturdy material so they can be rolled or folded up easily when not in use, also making them easy to transport. These mats have been designed by Adrian Ball one of the coaches at the Rangiora Club. They retail for \$200 each and can be ordered direct from Adrian on 021 870 336.



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Para and Blind Bowls in Christchurch

This week Para Bowls New Zealand Nationals started with qualifying singles on Monday at the Papanui Club and Bowls Papanui. This Tuesday the pairs qualifying games will be at Papanui Club. Wednesday is post-section for both disciplines at Papanui Club and Bowls Papanui and Thursday is finals day at the Papanui Club.

The New Zealand Blind Lawn Bowling Association National singles are being played at Bowls Papanui Wednesday 7 November and then moving to Burnside on Thursday morning. The pairs championship will be played Thursday 8 November in the afternoon and on Friday at Burnside.

Some games may be televised. Check the Bowls NZ Facebook page schedule

Year 9 & 10 Tournament

This is scheduled for Tuesday 19 November. If you have secondary school pupils in your club, please remind them to contact Erica to enter or for more information

Mixed Pairs

Thanks to everyone for making the change of playing days last weekend so seamless. Thank goodness it was fine on Sunday and Monday. Thank you to the greenkeepers, umpires and clubs for making that possible and for being so willing to accommodate us. One semifinal still needs to be played but congratulations to Donald Scott will contest the final at Finals Weekend in March.

Oceania and World Bowls Singles

The Oceania Challenge is being played in Auckland from Thursday 21 to Sunday 24 November. Members of the Under 26 NZ team from Canterbury are Olivia Mancer, Rebecca Jelfs and Hamish Kelleher. Congratulations and best wishes to all of them. World Bowls Champion of Champions Singles runs from Monday 25 to Saturday 30 November at Browns Bay. No doubt some of these games will be televised too.

Results from Deaf Bowls Nationals

These were played in Te Awamutu over Labour Weekend

John Lavell (Sumner) 1st Open Men's Singles

Elaine Taylor (Sumner) 1st Mixed Pairs with Adam Ballie (Auckland)

Hazel Littlejohn (Darfield), Barry Gernhoefer (Rangiora) 1st Triples with Steve Division (Cambridge)



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