



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

Message From Our President

Dear Members

With Christmas just around the corner it is timely to say a heartfelt thanks to all those who have volunteered so many hours to the club in the first part of the season. Unlike many sports where you just turn up and play, our game and facilities require so much more of its members and how lucky are we to have so many who readily put up their hands to do the work. I will not even attempt to name members as I am fearful of leaving someone out but please know your work is very much appreciated. Just a reminder as well to put your volunteer hours on the sheet in the office as we use the accumulation of hours to show evidence of this work when we apply for funding.

I would also like to thank our sponsors for their support of our club and ask that you as members support these businesses when possible. You just need to look at the display boards on the greens and our sponsorship board in Summerset lounge to see the names of our generous sponsors.

New World Northwood, another great sponsor of the club, invited a few of the Executive and Derrol for breakfast a week or so ago and we featured in a tiny snippet on TV One's Breakfast programme. Hopefully our appearance, albeit very brief, helped to put the Morrison Avenue Bowling Club name out there!

*I hope to see you all and your families next **Friday night 20th December from 3pm onwards, for our Christmas Hams and Hampers Draws and Christmas Party.** The raffles will be drawn throughout the night and we have planned a few little extras just to make this a fun Christmas celebration as well.*

Happy Christmas and New Year everyone and have a safe and enjoyable festive season. We look forward to another year of friendly competition and great times on the green.

Happy Christmas

Trish

Greens & Grounds Report

Since the last Newsletter Ferguson Green has been top dressed, flooded several times and is looking good with new growth coming through. Thanks again to Terry Stewart and Steve Street along with the Morrison Ave workers, Warren Brant, Bob Davison, Harley Panapa and Ray Blyth for doing this. The previous work on Hughes Green has shown an improvement in the playing surface and in the new year we will be back to 2 playable greens.

Our House Manager Neil Robertson is always busy either repairing things or making improvements to our club. He is working on putting the sign at the gate this time with steel supports so that it can't be vandalised as easily. The bowls storage room is a great improvement and all the space is fully utilised. There will be a bank of lockers for the men shifted into the room shortly. Well done Neil and Warren, Colin Taylor, thanks for all your hard work.

Business House 2024

Margaret Shields has been working hard to finalise the entries and we have 26 teams entered with a start only 5 weeks away. This is our major fundraiser, and revenue the club needs for ongoing and increasing costs. We desperately need helpers in the kitchen on these nights so if you could help out even on one night it would be most appreciated. We have experts to direct proceedings so you don't have to be a culinary genius! Please either write your name up on the board in the clubhouse, or let Trish Hubble know.

Club Jackets

The club has received a new supply of club jackets and these are available at a cost of \$80. Please contact Jeanette Brant if you require one of these.

Club Days

With only 1 green available for most of the season club days have taken a back seat. However in the New Year with 2 greens we need to encourage members back to the traditional club day. We know many members play other competitions on Tuesdays and Saturdays but there are a number who aren't involved. Club days gives members a chance to have a roll up often with someone they haven't played with often. We are always on the lookout for new members and club days are a chance to introduce these newcomers to the club. Have a think about this over Christmas and we will bring back those club days once our 2 greens are playable.

Members Responsibilities

As mentioned in earlier Newsletters we all need to play our part in the smooth running of our club. Please mark sure you do your part. As Trish has said there are many great volunteers who put their hands up to do the work and we all, must back them up. You can help by making sure if last leaving, all the lights are turned off, doors locked and anything that was used is put away. If using the kitchen make sure cups are washed and the benches etc left tidy. Don't leave it to others if something looks like it needs doing, **just do it!**

Upcoming Events

Friday 20 December 3.00pm - Christmas Hampers and Hams Draw and Christmas Party

Saturday 21 December 1.00pm - Club Day

Saturday 4 January 2025 12.30pm - New Year Tournament - Names on board please

Saturday 11 January 2025 12.30pm - Mens Stan Rowe Triples - Names on board please

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Women's Sevens Team who Qualified for Post Section play.



Winners of the Trevor Hayes Trophy Ray Blyth, Barry Doherty and Alf Skinner with Don Hayes.