



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

Message from our President

Dear Members

Well, the weather once again has interrupted the start to our 2025 bowling year and indeed the recovery of the Fergusson Green, however here's hoping the weather improves for the beginning of the interclub rounds in the coming weeks and good luck to all the teams. It is great to see so many members representing the club in these various competitions.

The New Year triples tournament was a great success and we do hope to have more fun and competitive internal tournaments such as this but with championship matches and interclub commitments just finding a day on which we can get a reasonable number needs to be looked in to. Just a reminder to keep the championship matches rolling along as it will be no time before we need to provide names to the Centre for the Champion of Champions events.

The Incorporated Societies Act 2022 requires all incorporated societies, amongst which are clubs such as ours, to have a new constitution by April 2026 and there are many reasons that we must remain on this register but the main ones are - retaining our own separate legal identity, the ability to own property, enter into contracts as an entity and apply for funding. I am working on a draft document for the subcommittee to review and then once finalised it will be circulated to members for comment and presented for approval at the AGM in May.

You may all be wondering what is happening about the proposed toilet block but progress has been thwarted once again due to our second attempt at seeking funding being declined. Another sign of the current economic situation is that funding is becoming increasingly difficult to source but the Building Committee and Executive are determined to continue the project in stages where we would put in an accessible toilet (which is becoming absolutely essential and not a wish list item), and refurbish the changing rooms first. As all of the design work and subsequent current plans have been funded we have not used any club funding to date and intend to go down this path.

Most of our other news and information is covered in Rays newsletter below so happy bowling everyone.

*Kind regards
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Greens & Grounds Report

Our two contracted greenkeepers have been assisting Harley on the remedial work necessary to get both greens up to standard. A lot of work has been done on Ferguson Green and it will be available for Business House in a couple of weeks. The cold night time temperatures have not been helpful but with better weather both greens will benefit from the extra growth.

As usual the lawns and gardens are being tended on a regular basis and we must thank all those involved for their excellent work.

Business House

This starts on **Wednesday 22 January at 6.15** and Margaret has a roster of 26 teams this year to contest the tournament. Many of our members will be helping out over the 6 weeks and we thank them in advance. Margaret needs a non bowler to fill a position and if you know someone who is available please let Margaret know.

Let's trust that we have 6 summery evenings for a change so everyone can enjoy the event. Please remember to support our sponsors for the event SBS Bank, Meat at Millers, Eat!8r Heat & Eat Meals and Cockram Motors for MG.

Pre Christmas Events

Two important events were held before Christmas and the club benefited from the proceeds of these.

We had a function to celebrate with the late Yan Glavins family and friends and we value the continued support of his family to the club. The hat was passed round and the sum raised is to be used to purchase the TM tournament managing soft ware (more about this later). A huge thanks to all those that attended and donated.

The other important event was the club's Christmas gathering and draws for the Hamper & Ham raffles. This was a fun night and the large crowd who attended were entertained by Father Christmas and one of his elves. No spoiler here but the Father Christmas was one of our more colourful members who did a great job impersonating the real one. His delightful elf used one of our ditch steps to make sure the height discrepancy didn't affect her performance.

Once again this turned in a tidy profit and we have to thank Barry Doherty & Pauline Looker for their great work in the organisation of the raffle and the presentation of the hampers. Also we must thank again all those members and supporters who donated goods for the hampers.

TM Tournament Management System

The soft ware was developed by a Burnside member and has been around for some years. The idea behind it is that it will assist in running tournaments by doing a draw, printing cards for each game and tabulating the results to give a winner. We have to thank Ian McPherson and Bob Davison for setting this up. It has been used for two club tournaments recently and proved very successful. The Business House tournament will use this system and this will cut down on the amount of work needed to get and show the results.

The system has other possibilities and Ian will be researching these to see where the club can use it to eliminate some of the work re draws and results. The results can be shown on a computer screen so everyone knows where they are in the tournament. A great advancement for the club. If anyone is replacing their flat screen TV (any size) please give Ian McPherson a ring as the club could use one for showing the results. Thanks Ian.

Mid-Week Friendlies

The first games for 2025 were played this week and we had 6 teams at home with 1 away. The Mid-week Friendlies are an institution in Canterbury and have been played for many years. It is a competition not run by Bowls Canterbury but a Committee of club delegates. The aims have always been for players to be competitive but the results are not recorded.

As the name implies the games are Friendlies with players from different clubs playing on a home and away basis over the season. There is an end of season tournament and the dates for 2025 are Tuesday 18th March for section play, and Tuesday 25th March for Finals Day. If wet reserve day is the Tuesday 1st April. Teams from Morrison Ave have won this Tournament in the past so make up your teams and get your entry into Graham Low.

A big thank you to Graham and Julie Upston for selecting the teams each week.

Skip's Responsibilities

It's timely to remind skips of Inter-Club teams that they **must contact** their team members to make sure they are available and if necessary arrange transport. This also applies to drawn teams for club tournaments. On the other hand players selected must play their part and if you become unavailable please contact the selectors (**Men** Barry Doherty or Trevor Wilson, **Women** Lyn Wilmott, Anne Caldwell or Rose Carson) as soon as possible. There is nothing worse than the selectors having to find players on a Friday night.

A full round of Inter-Club started this week and Morrison Ave teams featured on the winning side in many of the results. Well done to all those who participated. Please check the website if you wish more information on teams, results and venues.

Name Badges

These are available at a cost of \$20, please contact Ian McPherson to order.

Special Event

We have a special event on the horizon when we will be celebrating the 90th birthday of Alf Skinner on Sunday 23 February between 4.00pm and 6.00pm. This is a chance to join in with family and friends of Alf to mark this significant birthday. Alf has been a great member for many years and has spent many hours working for the club. Mark this date in your diary.



Winners of the Stan Rowe Trophy - Bob Williams, Bernie Fahey and Dean Leigh with umpire Tom Hogg.

Photos from the Christmas function.