

Bowls Canterbury

From the Centre Desk

March 2025

Best Wishes to the Intercentre Teams – Our men and women are playing in Wellington from Thursday afternoon (13 March). The men's game against Auckland at 3.30pm will be live streamed. The link is

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1B21tDRcHE/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Bowls NZ upload results reasonably quickly on their website.

Best wishes to all we hope you have a great tournament and will be cheering you along.

Congratulations - to the two Development teams who played in the Development Zone 5 competition in Blenheim Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 March. While neither team came home winners both teams pushed their opposition hard meaning no one team had an easy win against them. My thanks to the coaches/managers (Jillian Monopoli, Neil Buchanan, Linton Churches and Roy Beer) you obviously did a great job – haven't heard any grumbles.

Annual Programme Review –this will be held on **Friday 9 May**.

- We would like to hear from anyone interested in being part of this review panel. We will be selecting people from all areas of our sport, coaches, players, umpires, administrators etc. It is essential that all who are on the panel leave their club affiliation at the door and are able to look at the big bowls picture while understanding what is best for all players. **Closing date Thursday 3 April**
- We would like to hear your thoughts on what could be better for next season in the form of submissions and would love possible solutions too. **Closing date - Thursday 3 April.**
- All submissions will be collated into a questionnaire which will be available to all members for feedback, these will need to be returned to the Centre office by **Wednesday 1 May**. Please email your responses to lorraine@bowlscanterbury.org.nz



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Awards Night – Keep this date free – Saturday 24 May at Addington again. Tickets will be on sale later in April.

Super Sixes Weekend – and the Invitation tournament went well. Thank you to all who supported us over the weekend. Thank you to Burnside and Papanui Club for making their greens and clubrooms available Thank you to the players who had to move games to accommodate this event. We held Interclub on the same day because the feedback we have received is that players involved in Super Sixes is very small and those not involved like to keep playing. Well done our Senior Men's team and the Nelson Women

Bowls3Five – the Belfast Club will be representing the Bowls Canterbury at the National bowls3Five competition in Auckland on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 May.

Champion of Champions Finals – Yes, it is that time again. These will be played on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 April at Woolston Park. **Section Play** - Please let Tracy know who your representative in Section Play as soon as possible.

Executive Tournament – We had record entries this year. It was so nice to host all of those who do so much in their clubs and us during the year. Congratulations to Allenton's Joc O'Connor and Nic Andrew and thanks you Papanui Club for hosting everyone.

National Fours and Mixed Pairs - Well done to all who got through to post-section and congratulations to those who made the semi and the finals. Several games were extremely close, and many knocked over some top players along the way to get through to the last four. The talent in both competitions was fierce and the number of past and present New Zealand players certainly contributed to it being a star-studded competition. My thanks to all clubs who hosted the during the event. Everything must have gone smoothly; I didn't hear any complaints only accolades.

Another Congratulations – goes to the Country Women's team who won the Lex Kimber tournament in Oamaru last weekend. Well done all of you

