



## **Morrison Avenue Bowling Club Inc Newsletter March 2025**

### **Canterbury Club of the Year 2021-2022**

#### ***Message from our President***

*Dear Members*

*With only a few weeks to go until the season ends, I have heard many of you say that you have played bowls just about every day of the week and I could say the same. Isn't it great though that we enjoy the game, competitiveness and camaraderie to this extent! With many of the championships having found their winners we wish those participating the very best of luck at the Champion of Champion events and thank them for representing our club.*

*Tuesday Friendlies has been very popular this year with 7 teams competing most weeks and really enjoying the competition and performing well. Thank you to Graham Low and Julie Upston for running the "Friendlies" so efficiently. Thank you also to the selectors and match committees involved in interclub, championship and tournament events and whose work behind the scenes often goes unnoticed. We have The Men's and Women's Presidents Fours and Trevor Umbers Tournaments coming up so make sure you get your names on the board to participate.*

*This season the number of members playing interclub and "Friendlies" has been amazing and great to see. We have noticed that our club days have changed though and are not as well attended, as both club days tend to coincide with interclub and Tuesday Friendlies. The Executive is looking into this as it is very important also for us to play and practice together as members in a more relaxed manner and also to welcome and encourage any new players to the club, so it may be necessary to change one of our club days next season. As always, we welcome feedback.*

*A most memorable occasion last month was Alf Skinner's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Alf celebrated in style with many friends and club members and Tom Hogg gave a wonderful summary of Alf's time at the club. Alf has always been a tireless worker for our club as well as a talented player so we were honoured to be guests at his special birthday. Congratulations Alf.*

*On a sad note, we farewelled ex member David Palmer at a Memorial Service held at our club. David loved playing bowls at our club and it was his wish to be farewelled at Morrison Ave. Rest in Peace David.*

*Enjoy this lovely bowling weather as we move into the last couple of months of the season.*

*Kind regards*

*Trish*

#### **Greens & Grounds Report**

As we can see the Ferguson Green is looking great and playing very well with many positive comments from visiting players. There has been many hours of work done to bring it up to this stage and we have to thank all involved. Minimal work will be needed at the end of the season apart from some topdressing to fill in any hollows. Next season will have 2 greens that will be fully playable from day one.

The Hughes green has also been worked on and an extensive spraying programme is being used to eliminate the hydrocotyle. Remember to **wash your hands when finished and not to lick your fingers while playing.**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE - CLUB HOUSE SECURITY**

Unfortunately there have been several instances lately when the club house has not been secured overnight.

**Please make sure that if you are last to leave that all windows are shut, lights and heaters turned off and all doors locked.**

All members have a responsibility to look after the club's assets and if the club house is not secure this is not happening.

### **Follow these guidelines if you are on your own at the club:**

Lock the gate at all times if on your own.

If you are not in the clubrooms but on the greens please lock the front door. It is far better to have to unlock the gate or door than have to deal with an uninvited visitor.

### **Club Trophies**

It is nearing the end of the season and **closing day is on Saturday May 3rd** so could all trophy holders please return their trophies. Also a note that the AGM is on **Sunday 26 May.**

### **Business House Tournament 2025**

This was completed last Wednesday on another fine night. We were fortunate this year to have 6 weeks without a weather disruption. It was a very successful tournament and it was fantastic to see over 100 players enjoying the competition and companionship each week. Of course the prize giving was always a time to go over the games and enjoy a drink with the opposition and your team mates.

There was no playoff to find the winner this year and the winning team was decided on the results of the round robin play. The new scoring programme was a great success and many thanks to Ian McPherson for installing the software and producing the score cards and results each week. We must also thank Margaret Shields, her work in organising the tournament is legendary. Plus a big thank you to all the members who helped in the kitchen, bar, sausage sizzle, raffles, office and the preparation of the greens.

### **The results were:**

1st; The Bowling Stones

2nd; All in the Family

3rd; Taylor'd Tours

4th The Gold Cards



## Club Championships

These are progressing but with a number of games left to finish it's time organise those games so we can have representatives in the Champion of Champions events.

Congratulations to the winning Men's fours team of Simon Wilson (S), Dave Dalton, Campbell Buchanan and Trevor Wilson who won their first 2 games in the C of C's last weekend. However they came up against a strong Elmwood team lead by Garry Lawson in the next round and were beaten. It was still great effort and earned praise from Lawson.

Listed below are the disciplines that have been completed as at Monday 10 March.

Men's Under 5's Singles - Luke Milne

Women's Under 5's Singles - Kay Taylor

Men's Fours - Simon Wilson (s), Dave Dalton, Campbell Buchanan and Trevor Wilson

Men's Triples - Simon Wilson (s), Dave Dalton and Trevor Wilson

Well done to the winners but also a huge thank you to all the members who entered, it wouldn't be a true championship without your participation.

## Inter-Club Post Christmas

With all the Inter-Club finished except for the Under 5's Thursday night pairs the club had a successful season. Although we didn't have division or section win we have a number of placings.

Premier Women's Sevens - 2nd

Men's 3 x 3's - 2nd

Over 60's MA2 - 2nd

Any Combination 8's - 4th

Under 5's Fours - 4th

Many thanks to the Women's and Men's selectors for their work in selecting the teams. It is not an easy job with so many members unavailable during the year and it would much easier if people could commit more to their team.

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