



From the Centre Desk

April 2025

Champion of Champions Finals Weekend – Yes, it is that time again. These will be played this weekend Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 at Woolston Park Club. Players, please make sure you are wearing your full and correct club uniform. This is the celebration of the best of the best from our clubs and is a great chance to see all players in action in one place. Woolston Park are going out of their way to make this a wonderful experience for players and supporters.

Annual General Meeting – this will be held **Sunday 13 July at the Papanui Club**. Nomination papers for the position of President and Vice President are attached with this newsletter.

Congratulations and Best Wishes

National Events – Congratulations to the Women's Inter-centre team who were placed third at the National Inter-centre competition and to the Belfast Men and Burnside Women Interclub teams who also brought home bronze medals. Well done to all of you.

Sport Canterbury Awards - Congratulations to Hamish Kelleher and Brian Holmes who have been named as finalists in the Player and Volunteer categories at the Sport Canterbury Annual Awards. The winners will be announced on Friday 23 May.

Bowls3Five – Best wishes to the Belfast team of Julie Adams, Kerry Becks and Rebecca Jelfs who are competing in the National Bowls3Five competition in Auckland on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 May. Check the Bowls NZ website as some games will probably be screened on YouTube.

Review Time

Annual Programme Review Thanks to all who sent in submissions and who applied to be on the Review Panel. There were more applicants than we needed for the Review Panel so unfortunately some people have missed out this time.

Player Survey. This link has been sent to all clubs and is also on our website. All members can partake. The survey closes 5pm Thursday 1 May.

<https://forms.gle/YGHQJxHoXgayZrKS8>

From Bowls New Zealand – they have decided they will no longer print programmes for their national events. Everything will be online. If you have strong opinions about this, please let me know and I will pass them on.

Annual Awards

Award Nominations Forms – these have been sent to all clubs. It is time to think about who in your club is deserving of recognition. These are due back by 3 May.

Presentation of Awards and Dinner – Saturday 24 May at Addington Raceway from 5pm. Please contact Amie for tickets and to book a table.

Development Teams – It has been decided that from next season Under 8 years players will be eligible for our development teams. There has been debate in the past regarding what year group should be regarded as Development. As a Centre we know that once players were no longer eligible for U5 there was a big gap until they are ready to play at senior representative levels. We tried to come up with ways to bridge that gap, so these players are not left “stranded” but in the end it was decided that moving to U8 is best for our players. Potentially it may mean that new players may have to wait longer to play representative bowls but those players can still play in U5 competitions.

Coaching Programmes for the winter of 2025

Coaches Programme– Over the weekend of 17/18 May there will be Coach Accreditation and Reaccreditation opportunities as well as a general coach catch up. Venue is yet to be confirmed.

To register contact Amie marketing@bowls Canterbury.co.nz

U0 to U8 Player Coaching – these will be held over two days in August/early September. Dates and venues will be confirmed later this month. Amie will call for registrations when the finer details are confirmed.

Our New Car. Thanks to Cockram MG we have a new car. It is a dream to drive so if you are looking for a new car read below and take a test drive – I totally recommend it. The car will be on show at finals weekend. We are extremely grateful that Cockram MG continue to support Bowls in Canterbury so please support them.

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