



Morrison Avenue Bowling Club

Newsletter May 2025

Dear Members

Ray has the month off from writing the newsletter, so I'll do my best to keep you informed with any important updates and happenings.

I will begin with Closing Day and it was heartening once again to see such a good crowd in attendance and everyone seemed to be having a great time, as it was very hard to hear yourself speak! Amongst our guests were the families and friends of two of our beloved members we sadly lost last year – Yvonne Miller's family and Yan Glavin's family. The Yvonne Miller Ladies Pairs Trophy was presented by Yvonne's daughter Shona and the Yan Glavin Trophy was presented by Yan's wife Pam. Both families spoke warmly about how much the club meant to these two special people, and their words were deeply moving.

As you will know by now, the Monster Raffle has been drawn and winners have been notified if they weren't in attendance. I want to sincerely thank you all for both buying and selling raffle tickets. As always, our members responded with incredible support, and we're delighted to report that the profit looks to be over \$2,000 — a fantastic result! A huge thank you to our prize sponsors New World Northwood, Vac Shack, Maria Glass, Gwen Voice and Gael Palmer. The money will be put towards sprucing up the main hall, including new Honours Boards, drapes and a repaint.

It was a great sight to see a completely full green for the annual Fen-Morris Duster —fondly known as the Fendalton Duster. The match was played in great spirit and friendly rivalry, and with the advantage of being on home turf, we came out the winners this year by a good margin. This much-loved fixture has been played every year since 1963, making it a special tradition cherished by both clubs.

We remember Bill McMaster who sadly passed away last week after battling with ill health for many months. Bill was a loyal member and our dedicated greenkeeper for many years. He took immense pride in our greens, maintaining them to an exceptional standard. His tireless efforts went well beyond what was expected, and his contribution will not be forgotten. His funeral will be held at The Village Presbyterian Church and Community Centre, corner Papanui and Frank Street, Papanui, on Wednesday 7th May at 1.00pm. The family has asked if Club members, attending and wearing club uniform, could form a Guard of Honour at the end of the Ceremony.

As some faithful members step down from various roles I reiterate the need for more names on the nominations board for the Executive and sub committees. Many hands make light work, and fresh voices bring fresh ideas so please give some thought as to where you could help.

Enjoy the winter break from lawn bowls and we will keep you updated as to happenings around the club during this period.

Take care everyone

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Indoor Bowls

The winter season for indoors bowls commences this week on 6th May at 1pm for men and then the Mixed days commence on Fridays and Saturdays from Friday 9th May at 1pm. The Ladies competition which is held on Mondays and Wednesday starts on Monday 19th May. You don't have to be a member to take part in the indoor programme—it's all about having fun and enjoying some spirited rivalry.

AGM Sunday June 22nd 2pm followed by drinks and nibbles

This is always an important meeting, but this year it carries added significance. We will be adopting the new Club Constitution and we require at least 25% of our members to be present. A copy of the new constitution has been emailed to members and there are also two hard copies in the clubhouse on the ledge below the small noticeboard near the office. This document has evolved from a template provided by Bowls NZ and the changes have also been reviewed by Bowls NZ so it has all the clauses required and has been adapted as applicable to our club. The new constitution will be adopted at the AGM on June 22nd.

There will also be a presentation on the vital topic of member recruitment and retention. A dedicated sub-committee has been exploring ways to strengthen our membership, and it's essential that we focus on both attracting new members and supporting the loyal members we have.

Friday Night Happy Hour – every Friday from 4 pm

Come down and unwind with a drink and great company every Friday from 4pm onwards. It's a great way to stay connected with fellow members during the winter break. We'd love to see you there!

Men's Lockers

The lockers in the men's cloakroom are being removed. There are only a limited number, now located in the bowls locker room, so please see Tom Hogg if you really need one.

Coaching for Under 8 players

In August and September Bowls Canterbury is running coaching courses for Under 8 players. Several players over the years felt that these courses were a very valuable and enjoyable experience to improve their play.

Please contact Lyn Wilmott or Denis McMurtrie if interested.

Upcoming Events

May 6th	Men's Indoor Bowls commences
May 7th	Bill McMasters funeral - 1pm The Village Presbyterian Church and Community Centre, corner Papanui and Frank Street, Papanui, on Wednesday 7th May at 1.00pm
May 9th	Mixed indoor bowls commences. Fridays and Saturday afternoons at 1pm
May 19th	Ladies Indoor Bowls Competition commences 1pm Mondays and Wednesdays – draw has been sent to players
June 22nd	AGM 2pm followed by drinks and nibbles

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