

REPORTS:

Mens Tournament Secretary: The Tall Poppy pairs was held on 19/20th October at the ADC & Alexandra clubs. 28 pairs entered with Terry & Shaun Scott from Bannockburn prevailing over Conner Muir & Dave Chisholm from Clyde. This weekend (9/10 November) saw the Affinity Funerals fours played at Roxburgh with the post section at ADC. A small number of only 14 teams took part, (not to sure what the reason why as there were no pennants being played). The winners being the Arrowtown team of A Brash, G Hammond, P Bain, P Dunne. Runners up B McAuley, H Andrews, D O`Callaghan, M Duff, of Bannockburn.

Thanks to both Tall Poppy and Affinity Funerals for their sponsorship, also to the clubs and their members for the use of their facilities. Ian Clouston, Men`s Tournament Secretary.

Womens Tournament Secretary: Events played since last meeting have been the Tall Poppy Pairs. A total of 22 pairs saw us using Clyde and Bannockburn greens. The weather was kind and many tough fought games were played. The final went to Jo Stock and Kim Tilly of Wanaka.

The Affinity Funeral Fours only had 11 entries and I just could not get a twelfth team so had to go with a bye. Played at ADC the weather was fine to start with, turned cold and windy for a time then returned to a warm afternoon. The final was won by Queenstown Four of J Anderson, A Dowman, L Carter and K Mann.

The greens on both occasions were beautifully presented so my thanks to the green keepers and the clubs who hosted. Also my thanks to Ian who made sure I got things done correctly for bowls hub and for overseeing on Sunday. Regards Angela.

Ladies Coach and Selector Report: This month we had a representative game in Balclutha with the 1-6 Quadrangular. This has been a great opportunity to bring new development players in who have future potential for the wider squad by including Ann Cowie (Alexandra), Trish May (Clyde) and Maree Bartrum (Roxburgh). All players had a great day, and while we did not get the result we would have liked, they all showed great promise for the future, made new friends in other centres and, will be stronger players for the experience. Next year the event will be held in Dunedin (Outram) and then Central Otago in 2026.

Ric Hunt and myself ran a very successful coaching centre at Ranfurly on Saturday 2nd November. The session was attended by 15 players from the sub-centre with the majority being in the 1-5 year group. This was a great opportunity to encourage stronger links between the centre and the sub-centre which will, hopefully, result in greater participation at centre events and more players being available for both the mens and women's squads.

The teams have been selected and preparation is underway for the next rep game in December where we have 22 players playing against Southland and South Otago at Roxburgh.

Looking ahead to the rest of the season we have now committed to taking a Central Otago Ladies team to the Super Sixes in Christchurch (8/9 February 2025). This is a great opportunity to give our potential Intercentre 7's team game time against other very strong centres to help us with final selections. Carl Street, Central Otago Centre Coach

Men's Convenors Report: 11-11-24

Development Squad: Being under the guidance of Peter Dunne we are seeing results being built. Over the last 2-3 seasons, their values and culture continues to impress, with the progress this group are making and more results are sure to follow in the future. The games against Southland and Dunedin Development teams showed our Development are progressing well, considering we brought in 10 new players for these games and came out on top against both centres. Well done Team!

Senior Squad: We selected a 13 man squad to select from for Region 6 and the Inter-Centre Team for Wellington, focusing on building a great compatible Team going forward. We had a squad meeting focusing on how we were going to achieve this by building a Team environment between both Senior and Development players.

Affinity funerals 4's just finished and back to back winners from Arrowtown - Alan Brash, Grant Hammond, Peter Bain and Peter Dunne, a great achievement, but a great game against Bob McAuley, Hugh Andrews, Doug O"Callaghan and Marty Duff from B/burn. 4 rep players in the final and 9 in the semi-final. Triples and Inter club 7's coming up and after the 7's we will select our region 6 teams to play in Oamaru. Ric Hunt, Convenor.

Dev Manager: (see attached)

Umpires: Thank You to everyone who has given up their time to Umpire during this season. Trish Harris, one of our new Umpires is due to Umpire at the 1-5 Pairs in Alexandra on 24 November. Neville Roberts is now a Laws Umpire having successfully passed his examination over the winter. He will be sitting his measuring exam in Dunedin on 17 November. Thank you to John Knapp for tutoring Neville in his measures. A committee was setup over the winter to discuss the Substitution Rules. A draft of these Rules has been circulated to everyone for discussion. Our bowling calendar continue to be busy. Discussion regarding the format of Men's Interclub 7's will hopefully resolve some issues with Umpires on Sunday 1 December.

An incident at the Affinity Funerals Women's Fours may mean that we need to update our Conditions of Play to include *Rule 4 Practice* where teams have a Bye. Bowls NZ has a good summary of this Law in their Conditions of Play.

The smaller size jackets will hopefully be delivered before Christmas.

Our next meeting will be held at Alexandra BC Lounge on Monday 20th January 2024. Many of our Level 1 Umpires are due to reaccredit in 2025. Pauline Seaton, Umpires Convenor.

Publicity: (see attached)

GENERAL:

- Dumping of Bowls – Enquiries to be made to Bowls NZ regarding what constitutes “dumping” of bowls.
- Allocations for Centre Rep made until 6 December
- P Dunne Discussion Paper – Remits for General Meeting to be discussed by Central Otago Bowls Board. The Board can recommend to veto remits if they do not adhere to Central Otago Board overall policies and guidelines. Reasons for a veto must be given to Clubs.
- General Meeting to be held 2025 on 14 April 2025 at Clyde Bowling Club. Clubs to be notified to forward Remits to Central Otago Bowls Board by 21 January 2025. Notice to be sent immediately.
- 1-10 Pairs Format to be changed to 3 bowl Pairs. To be discussed at General Meeting.
- Change to Catering Allocations for 2 day events – if a Centre Tournament is held at 2 Clubs during a weekend, \$4.00/player will be allocated to Clubs hosting Qualifying Day. \$1.00/player will be allocated to Clubs hosting Post Section Games. Moved T Cowan Seconded I Clouston

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Next Board Meeting: 9th December 2024 – 4.30pm at Alexandra Community House and online

Meeting Closed: 6.30pm

Confirmed: _____ Date: _____