

BOWLS CENTRAL OTAGO

Umpires Report

February 2026

The start of the year has been extremely busy as we hosted the Southern 6 Women in Alexandra and Clyde weekend 24 & 25 January followed by the Women's Interclub 7s and Men's Pairs being held 31 January and 1 February. Once again, thank you to our Umpires for officiating at these events and for the markers who are keen to help, even if it is for only 1 game. For the most part our markers have been of a high standard making the games as enjoyable as possible for everyone.

In our meeting on 19 January, Umpires for the remainder of the season were allocated. There is also some interest from a couple of players in Wanaka to undertake the Online Laws training. I have sent away one application form to Michael in Wellington. I am also running a marking course in Wanaka after their club day in mid-March. I can follow this up with another course in September, prior to the 2026/27 season.

Currently we have 1 Laws Umpire who is going to complete her training in March and another 3 Umpires who will be doing their Level 1 re-accreditation in March.

I am pleased to announce that Miriam Stace has agreed to become Umpire Convenor starting at the beginning of next season.

The Umpires Coaches Tournament is now open for entries on Bowls Hub. This is being held in the beginning of April and we are looking forward to a good turnout.

Pauline Seaton
Umpires Convenor