

As previously signaled, we have a fixture scheduled against Southland on March 15. This is being played in Invercargill and we will be travelling down and back on the day. A morning and afternoon round will be played – one 4, two Pairs and a Singles i.e. the same format as the Southern 6.

In selecting the team any Year 1-5 player who competed in the Year 1-10 Southern 6 tournament was not deemed eligible. Southland have adopted the same policy. From a Central Otago perspective this ruled out Murray Cater, John Harley and Sean Geary.

As it transpired only 3 Year 1-5 players from the Development Squad were available to play. There were 16 players eligible so it was somewhat surprising. Rather than be disappointed I tend to see this as an opportunity to reward well performing and keen players as advised by club personnel.

The nine players named are

Geoff	Palmer	Arrowtown
Kim	Bartrum	Roxburgh
Joel	Corry	Hawea
Nigel	McCallum	Wanaka
Shane	Norton	ADC
Nat	Jamieson	ADC
Robert	McKenzie	Cromwell
John	Stevens	Cromwell
Morgan	Harteveld	Arrowtown

At this point I have named Geoff Palmer as Skip of the Fours and Kim Bartrum as the Singles player. The others have been asked for three preferences as to where they would like to play. I will be assessing their responses and then be naming the combinations for the morning games. They could be changed in the afternoon.

At this point we are looking to travel down in two cars, one from the Queenstown side and the other from the Wanaka side.

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