PRESIDENTS REPORT 12.10.26

President's Meeting
The minutes have been circulated to the club Presidents. I have attached the same for your consideration and ask that you read these prior to Monday. I believe the meeting and the associated minutes will help us moving forward and Jean O'C to further shape the Centre's Strategic Plan. The first consideration (on Monday) is the Maniatoto idea of having a team play in the Interclub 7's on December 6/7.

Dave & Jo Edwards
I have emailed a personal thank you to Dave & Jo and will draft a formal letter for Pauline to send on behalf of Bowls Central Otago. Given the success of their visit, I believe they are a resource we should look to utilise again in the future.

Year 1-3 Novice Tournament
The tournament was an outstanding success and in no small part due to the background work undertaken by Maria Wallis. 33 bowlers were involved and four, one-hour games of fours were played. Barbara Wilson ensured that plenty of photos were taken and this were posted immediately. The Cromwell BC and a large group of their volunteers ensured the day ran smoothly. They were outstanding hosts. Of the $15pp collected Maria and I agreed that $7.50 of that be paid to Cromwell.

2026/2027 Selectors (Men's)
Following meetings held with Terry Scott and then separately (Richard Morgan, Neville Stirling and I) twenty-four players have been approached as to their availability this season. A deadline of 12 October was advised with the Senior Squad to be announced on Friday, 16 October. The first Senior fixture is on November 29 against Southland whilst the Development Squad host Dunedin on November 1.

It has been agreed with Dunedin that they will bring through 14 Development Squad players on the above date so we just need to confirm a venue and communicate this to them. I am in a similar discussion with Southland (Development) but need to be mindful of the Senior Men's and Women's programme on November 29 in terms of rinks required.

Handbooks

I remain very interested in Pauline's overview of the process.

Wanaka 100th Year Celebrations

We have an informal invite to attend the above. Unfortunately, I committed to a similar event in Plimmerton, Wellington some time ago and Allan Rickard (Vice-President) is away. I suggest Pauline Seaton attend as the face of Bowls Central Otago. This would be for the formal dinner and a letter be sent to Wanaka noting this and my apology.

Pennants

Saturday Pennants (Division 1) commenced last weekend and this week Premier and Division 2 get underway. It will be interesting to see if any clubs have over or underestimated the number of teams they have entered.

As all Premier teams are at Queenstown this week, a note will be sent shortly regarding potential traffic issues and suggesting that the back route through Arthurs Point be taken.

I have received a query from an Arrowtown member regarding the wording in the Handbook under Saturday Pennants. The Handbook notes:

Teams: May consist of men or mixed teams
The member, quite correctly, points out that at the 2025 AGM it was agreed that there be no restrictions placed on women competing in Saturday Pennants.

My view is that the remit was passed to allow flexibility for clubs, particularly smaller clubs, to field teams on a Saturday but ultimately the selection of teams falls back on club selection policy and/or the club selectors. I recommend that, consistent with what applies with Wednesday Pennants, any reference to the make-up of teams be removed in next year's Handbook and anywhere else it may be referenced. Regardless of the outcome I will respond to the individual and point out that any future correspondence should be directed through a member club of Bowls Central Otago.

Board Meeting

Date: Monday, 12 October
Venue: Community House, Alexandra
Time: 4:30pm

Cheers
Peter D