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Ladies Convenor of Selectors and Coach Report

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Two sessions have been held during the off season with the new squad to get them thinking about our approach this year. I look forward to working with the team to build and improve on our successes from last season with the first half of the season testing new combinations before fully focussing on the Intercentre 7's in Auckland. We have a great squad who, if they believe in themselves and each other, will produce great results this season and continue the momentum into next season.

Our first outing of the year will be the Quadrangular in Dunedin on the 2nd November. There will be 4 players in that team (1-6 years) gaining their first experience in a Central Otago shirt including two from the sub-centre. The recent novice bowler programme has been a great way to identify potential new talent early in the season and is something we should mature over time as a springboard for players into both the ladies and mens teams. This was a great initiative and one I fully support.

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CENTRAL OTAGO BOWLS:

Selector Report – Board meeting 13 October 2025

A combined meeting of the Men's Senior and Development Squads was held at the Clyde Bowling Club on Tuesday 7 October 2025. There were 16 of the 19 senior squad members and 17 of 26 development squad members in attendance. There was also a number of club coaches present. Terry gave a brief outline of the respective roles of himself, Peter Dunne and Richard Morgan (Selectors) for the 2025-26 season. A general overview of the vision of where we are and what we want to achieve was given to all.

The group then split into their respective squads.

Senior Squad (Terry Scott & Richard Morgan)

Key areas discussed were:

- Background regarding myself and what my thoughts are, going forward. We may not have the best players in the country but we can be the best team. So that needs co-operation and buy in from all. I see it as a 3-year process to achieve the desired results
- Representative programme and availability
- Work, life, bowls balance
- Performances and results throughout the season
- Balance between competition and training
- Goals for first three representative fixtures
- Training drills

The session ended with a Q & A session

Terry Scott

Development (Peter Dunne and Club Coaches)

Key areas discussed were:

- Calendar for the 2025/2026 season. 3 warm-up matches prior to the Southern 6 (Year 1-10) in late January.
- After late January there will be a focus on the Year 1-5's excluding anyone from that category who played in the Southern 6.
- Need for balance in life – family, work and bowls. The key is planning your bowling season and involving your partner in this.
- Make yourself visible at your club in an effort to be placed in a top Pennants team and in top combinations for club championships.
- Practice – playing is NOT practice. Measure your practice results and practice what is not working well.
- Selection policy covers a number of factors. Performance is only one of them.
- An information sheet was circulated for competition. This will also be sent to those unable to attend.
- A newsletter will be sent shortly and the first warm-up match is against Dunedin (away) on Sunday, 2 November.
- Malcolm van Rensburg requested 5 minutes to speak at the completion of the meeting and he made a number of sound points on practice. It also highlighted a solidarity between club coaching personnel and the Development Squad programme.

Peter Dunne

Publicity for 13th October 2025 – Barbara Wilson

No report due to shoulder season.

However further to my comments at the last board meeting here is my proposal regarding change in the Central Otago Tournament Singles.

I anticipate this will increase **entries in the singles** and **it will be a relief to clubs** not having to provide markers for a full day of play in the elimination rounds. Top 8 qualifiers to progress to knockout.

Furthermore an increase in singles entries will be helpful to the level of play in Central Otago going forward.

Words copied from Bowls NZ tournament singles 2026 conditions of play.

MARKING OF GAMES IN SECTION PLAY

Players may be required to mark a game in their bye round. All players with byes are therefore required to be at the venue at the start of play for each round whether playing or not. The Umpire will fairly allocate markers to games. Any player that fails or refuses to make themselves available to mark during their bye rounds will incur a \$100 fine.

Entrants will be scheduled to play three games with one bye round.

BOWLS CENTRAL OTAGO

Umpires Report

October 2025

The Umpires Group held a meeting on 22 September with 13 Umpires attending and two Umpires submitting any apology.

We farewelled Ruth Grant, Miriam Stace and John Knapp who have resigned from Central Otago Umpires. John will continue to Umpire in Dunedin once he has established himself.

Linley O'Callaghan passed her reaccreditation in Dunedin and Alister Moore and Rhonda passed their reaccreditation exams before the meeting. Allan Brash, Donald Urquart, Rayleen McCloy are still to reaccredit. Rayleen is currently in Australia and has advised that she will do this on her return. I shall set up a time with Allan and Don to do their exam before Xmas.

Umpires have been allocated to Centre Tournaments from 1 November 2025 to 1 February 2026. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the season. Without your support we would not be able to hold Centre Events.

Conditions of Play have been circulated to Tournament Secretaries. If a Law is not mentioned in the Conditions of Play then guidance must be taken from the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark 4 dated 1 April 2024. This includes an incorrectly delivered Jack (Law 10) which states that it MUST be returned to be delivered by the opposition. If it subsequently incorrectly delivered by the opposition, it MUST be placed on the 2 metre mark. The original team may move the mat.

A National Training programme for markers has been developed over the winter by the BNZ Umpires Committee. This is being trialled in Canterbury and Dunedin before Christmas and all Markers volunteering at the National Singles Tournament in January 2026 will be required to complete this training.

Dunedin is changing their Conditions of Play – all players will play 3 rounds during the first day of qualifying and will be required to mark a fourth game. Fines of \$100 will be imposed if players do not mark their rostered game.

Pauline Seaton
Umpires Convenor