

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2025

The past season has been a successful one. The further roll out of Bowls Hub has gone very well. Most players like the concept very much, being able to enter competitions, access draws, competitions and results. Even live scoring for semi's and finals on your phone is liked by everyone. It is amazing how well Ian Clouston and Angela Wilson have ran with it. A real credit to both of them. It seems Central Otago Bowls is the most advanced centre in New Zealand with the use of Bowls Hub. Next season will see more advances with the roll out of Bowls Hub+ where individual ranking will start. I can imagine the banter and competitive urging will go up dramatically.

Centre competitions were well subscribed so thank you to all who entered and congratulations to the winners. Centre titles are still greatly desired, long may that continue.

I would like to thank our board members for their thought and discussion throughout the year, Pauline for keeping the administration done and up to date, we are very lucky to have her. To Ric and Carl and their fellow selectors for their coaching and other work. All their teams performed very well. A special thanks to Ric who is moving away after all his years of coaching and service. And to Ian and Angela for running our tournaments. The technology has made it trying at times. Finally thank you to all the volunteers who make running the Centre possible - umpires, markers, centre reps, caterers, greenkeepers and clubs for the use of their facilities.

Now and in the future our biggest worry is finance or lack of. We were lucky in obtaining a grant for travel and accommodation for our Rep teams this year but obtaining future grants is uncertain at best. The costs of travel and accommodation are increasing every year.

Best wishes to the new board and officers for the coming season.

Trevor Cowan President