

# Senior Men's Representative Report

**Fixture:** Southern 6's. – Central Otago, Southland, South Otago, Dunedin, North Otago, South canterbury

**Date and Venue:** 24/25 January 2026. Taieri Bowling Club

**Accommodation:** Belle Vista Motel, Mosgiel. More than met the needs of the players, with food facilities nearby

**Format:** The team of a singles, two pairs and a fours were selected to play all participating centres in this event at the above venue. However, due to the impending weather conditions, preliminary arrangements, (Plan B), were put in place to ensure that a weekend of bowls could be held. In very wet conditions the team had a short session on the Taieri green on the Friday evening until it appeared obvious that play would be transferred to artificial facilities for the weekend. Plan B was put into action which meant that the senior side would be playing on the new outdoor artificial surface at the stadium. To accommodate the number of rinks available the two pair's combinations combined as a fours, and games were reduced to a 2-hour time limit, with singles to 21 shots. Play was temporarily stopped during the first round but was subsequently completed in atrocious conditions.

A managers meeting was held a lunchtime and Plan C was implemented. All play for the rest of the weekend would be held in the indoor stadium, which would involve both the seniors and the development sides. The stadium was stretched out to 9 rinks, games reduced to 1.5 hours, with seniors and development playing hour on / hour off. While not ideal from a selectors point of view, this was the only outcome that allowed the event to be completed.

Both the senior team and development players supported each other during their stand down games

## Results:

	<b>Singles</b> <b>Bill Clements</b>	<b>Fours</b> <b>Trevor Drake (S)</b> <b>Kelvin Jackson</b> <b>Leon VanBoxtel</b> <b>Peter Bain</b>	<b>Fours – 2 Pairs Combined</b> <b>Shaun Scott (S)</b> <b>Alister Watson</b> <b>Howard O'Donnell</b> <b>Lindsay Thomas</b>
<b>Dunedin</b>	<b>Loss 18-21</b>	<b>Loss 11-17</b>	<b>Loss 11=15</b>
<b>South Canterbury</b>	<b>Loss 14-21</b>	<b>Loss 7-12</b>	<b>Draw 8-8</b>
<b>North Otago</b>	<b>Win 21-11</b>	<b>Loss 5-12</b>	<b>Win 16-3</b>
<b>South Otago</b>	<b>Win 21-8</b>	<b>Loss 10-11</b>	<b>Loss 10-12</b>
<b>Southland</b>	<b>Win 21-9</b>	<b>Loss 6-18</b>	<b>Loss 5-12</b>

**Summary:** It would be fair to say that the result was far from what we prepared for and expected. Certainly, some things to mull over going forward.

There are a number of facts to take into account:

- Playing conditions – not being able to play on a natural green.
- Indoor surface – we have only had 3 of our team play in that stadium.
- Shortened games – 2.5hr to 2.0hr to 1.5hr time limit.
- The pair that had to combine as a fours would not have been a four that we would select for this rep fixture.

Due to the extenuating circumstances, and not making any excuses, I take limited selection solutions, from this event, however, the shortcomings of some players were exposed

The good part of it, was the support and encouragement that the players gave each other during the competition. A very compatible side

Taieri Bowling Club -The food was absolutely amazing considering they transported it all from Taieri B C to the Stadium. I have passed our thanks onto Robbie Gibson

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**Fixture:** Super 6's - Central Otago, Dunedin, South Canterbury, Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough

**Date and Venue:** 7/8 February 2026. Bowls Papanui and Elmwood Park Bowling Club

**Accommodation:** Golden Hotel, Riccarton. Fantastic and very comfortable

**Format:** The team of a singles, two pairs and a fours were selected to play all participating centres in this event at the above venues. Weather was fine throughout the two days and the greens were of a good standard.

**Results:**

It should be noted that we had two changes to the team from the original selections. Pat Houlahan withdrew due to injury and Lindsay Thomas due to a personal/family matter

**Day One**

	<b>Singles</b> Shaun Scott	<b>Pairs (1)</b> Kelvin Jackson(S) Peter Bain	<b>Pairs (2)</b> Alister Watson(S) Dave Chisholm	<b>Fours</b> Jo Richards (S) Howard O'Donell Alan Brash Roger O'Brien
<b>Dunedin</b>		<b>Win 19-9</b>	<b>Loss 20-23</b>	
<b>South Canterbury</b>	<b>Win 25-9</b>		<b>Loss 12-18</b>	<b>Win 14-12</b>
<b>Canterbury</b>		<b>Win 17-13</b>	<b>Win 24-17</b>	<b>Loss 3-24</b>
<b>Nelson</b>	<b>Loss 20-25</b>	<b>Loss 13-21</b>	<b>Win 16-14</b>	
<b>Marlborough</b>	<b>Win 25-13</b>		<b>Win 29-12</b>	<b>Loss 10-18</b>

**Day Two**

	<b>Singles</b> Alan Brash	<b>Pairs (1)</b> Shaun Scott(S) Howard O'Donnell	<b>Pairs (2)</b> Alister Watson (S) Dave Chisholm	<b>Fours</b> Jo Richards (S) Kelvin Jackson Peter Bain Roger O'Brien
<b>Dunedin</b>	<b>Win 25-12</b>			<b>Draw 15-15</b>
<b>South Canterbury</b>		<b>Win 20-15</b>		
<b>Canterbury</b>	<b>Draw 21 all</b>			
<b>Nelson</b>				<b>Loss 13-14</b>
<b>Marlborough</b>		<b>Win 20-13</b>		

## Overall

First – Canterbury 45 Points Plus 137 Diff

Second – Central Otago 35 Points Plus 42 Diff

Third – Nelson 31 Points Minus 4 Diff

Fourth – Dunedin 31 Points Minus 60 Diff

Fifth – Marlborough 18 Points Minus 75 Diff

Sixth – South Canterbury 16 Points Minus 40 Diff

**Summary:** Finishing second in this event was overall pleasing. The team goal was to finish in the top half and have a success rate of 60%. Both were achieved. A number of players stood up, so selecting the inter-centre team will not be an easy task. The team was very compatible and supported each other both on and off the green. The players were well behaved and respected their opposition. For evening meals, we dined together and special thanks to Howard O'Donnell who willingly took over the driving duties for these two events. I appreciate the support from fellow selector Richard Morgan who also travelled to this event.

Pauline - You do a great job in respect of the logistics surrounding these events Many thanks

Terry Scott

Coach/selector