

KEITH WINS AGAIN IN BOWLS

Sandra Keith and her Leeston partner Valmai Hantz have won the Bowls Canterbury Womens Open Pairs played at the Fendalton Centre over the weekend.

Keith helped by three consecutive two's on the 13th, 14th and 15th ends drew away at the finish to beat Julie Dalley and Carrie-Jane Hargrave from Beckenham 16-8 with one end unplayed of the sixteen end final.

For Keith it was her third Centre title this season having won the Canterbury Open Triples and Fours titles earlier. Keith's lead Hantz struggled somewhat in the tricky blustery conditions but Keith with consistent draw bowls could be relied upon to keep the score moving in a game in which they were never headed. They led 8-3 after 6 ends and whilst the gap closed with lead Hargrave drawing particularly well for Dalley to 10-8 Keith ran out the winner to add a third Centre title to her repertoire in what has been a tremendous season to date for her which includes a National Title which she won with the Womens singles at Christmas.

The Mens Pairs final which was played simultaneously resulted in a win to the Belfast pairing of Adrian Robins and Nigel Godman who trailed early on in their game against Christchurch's Baden Ashton and Arthur Cavanagh (8-3 after 8 ends) before scoring 16 shots over the next 8 ends to draw clear and win 19-11.

The win for Robins and Godman was a fitting result as Robins had been gifted last year's Pairs final through a disqualification and he was delighted to rectify the situation with a win. Robins has now won two Centre titles whilst Godman added to his Gold Star to make his total six.

WOMENS POST SECTION

1st round:

N Orchard (Woodend) 19 V Cox (Canterbury) 14; S Keith (Leeston) 14 J Robins (Beckenham) 11; L Grey (Elmwood) 24 V Symes (Canterbury) 2; M Doherty (Beckenham) 19 L Begg (Lincoln) 3; P Clark (Burnside) 17 D McFarlane (Elmwood) 15; B Gordon (Parklands) 26 L Haworth (Burnside) 14; J Dalley (Beckenham) 15 N Hutchinson (Elmwood) 13;

Quarter finals:

Orchard 17 B Kamo (Parklands) 8; Keith 24 Grey 9; Clark 14 Doherty 13; Dalley 15 Gordon 8;

Semi finals:

Keith 20 Orchard 10; Dalley 15 Clark 5;

Final:

Sandra Keith (s), Valmai Hantz (Leeston) 16 Julie Dalley (s), Carrie-Jane Hargrave (Beckenham) 8;

MENS POST SECTION:

(last sixteen)

B Ashton (Christchurch) 17 S Wyatt (Parklands) 4; R Bodger (Woolston Park) 19 J McCracken (Rangiora) 3; B Joblin (Parklands) 19 P Hyland (Redcliffs) 7;

R Cook (Belfast) 21` R Day (Rangiora) 6; A Diamond (Cashmere) 17 J Mears (Canterbury) 15; A Robins (Belfast) 23 G Smith (Cashmere) 3; S Deans (Riccarton Racecourse) 13 A Bowden (Parklands) 10; A Bramham (Barrington) 18 G Lawson (Belfast) 10;

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