

## PHANTOM SELECTOR PONDERERS.....

An abundance of riches confront the Canterbury Selectors for both the Mens and Womens Bowls Canterbury teams when picking the final seven who will represent Canterbury in both the Mens and Womens teams to play in the Intercentre Zone 5 Representative clash held in Greymouth on 25th-26th February 2012.

In the Mens team four players stand out as certainties after the recently completed National Championships. They are Andrew Kelly, Alvin Gardiner, Gary Lawson and Kelvin Scott. The trick will be to position them to achieve the results and combine with the other players who should be considered. Scott, a NZ singles titleholder whilst not in the original Canterbury squad has laid down his credentials again with top performances at the Nationals and now will have to be considered.

The final three positions should come from likely candidates Roger Glendenning, Glen McDonald, Steve Diftort, Nathan Glasson and Ashley Diamond and the selectors have at least four more important fixtures on which to assess performances including the Burnside Pairs, Open Fours, the Wellington Quadrangular where Canterbury A and B Selections will play and the Canterbury Open Pairs.

**My pick:** Singles: Scott; Pairs: Diftort, McDonald (s); Fours: Glendenning, Kelly, Gardiner, Lawson (s);

On the Womens side three players stand out as first picks- Sandra Keith, Jan Shirley and Jan Kahn – all National titleholders this season, with the other four positions to be sorted from five others - Bev Morel, Adele Greenfield, Serena Mathews, Lois Grey and Sherrie Cottle all of whom played at the Southern Quadrangular tournament in early December. Two younger players who have performed exceptionally over the last month namely Tayla Bruce and Brittany Tyson must be being looked at hard particularly with their selection for the NZ Under 18 side.

Three competitions still to be played which the selectors will be watching carefully are the Open Pairs and Fours and the Wellington Quadrangular tournament.

**My pick:** Jan Kahn (singles), Serena Mathews and Bev Morel (s) the pairs combination and Sandra Keith's Four which performed well at the Southern Quadrangular tournament of Lois Grey, Sherrie Cottle and Jan Shirley.

Admittedly I have left no room for promising younger players but at this level (Intercentre Zone Final) there is no substitute for experience – so Glasson and Diamond in the Mens and Bruce and Tyson miss out this time but the drums are beating.