

BURNSIDE WIN MENS FOURS

A Burnside combination skipped by Steve Hamilton consisting of Eric Jarvis (lead), George Nicholl and Geoff Clarke prevailed in the blue ribbon event of Canterbury Mens bowls with a win 13-11 over a strong Belfast combination skipped by Gary Lawson which included Shane Sincock, Ricky Cook and Ken Gray (lead).

The Burnside team had played particularly well as a team throughout the tournament and the final played on the Bowls Papanui Green was no exception with lead Jarvis always near the jack and George Nicholl in particular playing some exceptional draw bowls when required. Skip Steve Hamilton had come into the team to replace a player who had become unavailable and he took the job on with some excellent play in downing the strong Lawson four who were the favourites on paper. The performance of the Burnside team who were unbeaten in each of the eight games they played all now have a Centre title to mark the occasion and for George Nicholl and Geoff Clarke it is their second.

The Womens final played at the same time on the Bowls Papanui Green was a one-sided affair with Sandra Keith's Leeston team of Serena Mathews, Teaghan Mower and Karolyn Boon runaway winners over a strong Canterbury Bowling Club combination of Val Symes (s) and included Canterbury players Jan Shirley and Sherrie Cottle with lead Julie Adams.

The final became so one-sided that only 12 ends of the 15 end final were completed when the game finished with Sandra Keith's team winning 19-2. A feature of the final was the performance of the 12 year old Teaghan Mower who was far from outclassed in her first Centre final against notable Canterbury players.

Results:

MENS POST SECTION

1st round

N Alexander (Rangiora) 15 A Diamond (Cashmere) 6; S Ditfort (Elmwood) 14 R
Carpinter (Halswell) 12;

Quarter finals:

J Mears (Canterbury) 18 M Abel (Beckenham) 6; S Hamilton (Burnside) 15 S Deans
(Riccarton Racecourse) 7; G Lawson (Belfast) 24 J Foggo (South Brighton) 2;
Alexander 16 Ditfort 12;

Semi finals:

Hamilton 19 Mears 13; Lawson 15 Alexander 11;

Final:

Hamilton 13 Lawson 11;

WOMENS POST SECTION

1st round

V Symes (Canterbury) 15 H Beckman (Beckenham) 12; M Doherty (Beckenham) 14 S
Pearce (Canterbury) 12;

Quarter finals:

S Keith (Leeston) 15 B Morel (Elmwood) 10; A Simpson (Beckenham) 18 L Grey (Elmwood) 11; L Brown (Elmwood) 14 J Dalley (Beckenham) 6; Symes 16 Doherty 4;

Semi finals:

Keith 15 Simpson 13; Symes 22 Brown 7;

Final:

Keith 19 Symes 2;