

## Stoke Bowling Club Newsletter    November 15, 2017

What a great spectacle of competitive bowls and sportsmanship the Men's Invitation Singles provided at the weekend. One of our local players Murray Scott of the Nelson Bowling Club won the main event playing Andrew Kelly of Christchurch in the final. Our own Paul Baken played Keanu Darby of South Canterbury in the final of the plate and came through as the runner up. Lloyd Bellis and Mike Carter contested the final of the 'Shootout' for those players who didn't qualify for the main event or the plate. Jimmy Pugh won the Peter Shaw Cup for the best performing Stoke player. Both he and Pete Hodson qualified for the main event having gone through the first two days play unbeaten, however they were knocked out in the quarter finals but Jimmy's points tally in this round was greater than Pete's.

A huge 'thank you' to our many members who supported this event, - the organising committee, the greenkeeper and his support crew, the tournament convenor, the umpires and markers as well as the bar and catering staff. There was an amazing contingent of very willing workers who put in long hours contributing to the weekend's success. It was also pleasing to see others from throughout the region watching the bowls. I felt very proud of the Stoke Bowling Club for providing such a friendly, welcoming environment for our visitors and locals alike.

At our Board meeting on Monday night, a vote of thanks was proposed and unanimously endorsed 'to the Ritex team for organising this event as without your input this would never have got off the ground'. Ritex was also one of the sponsors of this event.

**BPL Australia November 14 – 16<sup>th</sup>.** Have you tuned into the live broadcast (Sky Sport 4) of the Bowls Premier League being held at Pine Rivers in Queensland? Our own Black Jack Shannon McIlroy, along with Jo Edwards and Ali Forsyth are taking part. Another great display of bowls at the top level.

**Club Results.** Our Club Champs are underway with two events having been completed.

Men's Triples: Peter Hodson, Jimmy Pugh and Dave Merritt.

Men's Pairs: Paul Baken and Lloyd Bellis

Appleby Trophy: Mike Carter, Carolyn Keehan and Barbara Bradley

Congratulations to all the winners.

### **Xmas BBQ**

With Christmas fast approaching book this date **Saturday December 9 @ 6.00pm** for a BBQ tea and corner to corner. All family members are most welcome.

Happy bowling!

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