

**LEGENDZ** TEAMWEAR **PLAYER**  
**OF THE YEAR**

**JO EDWARDS**  
**BURNSIDE BOWLING CLUB**

*Finalists – Val Smith (United Bowling Club),  
Shannon McIlroy (Stoke Bowling Club).*

*Jo's impressive return to the game after time away has been marked by spectacular success in both the domestic and international arenas.*

She is currently the top ranked female bowler in the world, and recently won her third consecutive World Cup title – a previously unheard of feat. At the Hyundai National Open Championships Jo reigned supreme, winning both the singles and pairs titles. She returned to the Black Jacks for the Trans Tasman Test Series, and was

a driving force behind the women's and overall team victories.

At club level she was awarded Burnside Player of the Year, won the club pairs (with a novice player), and made the final of the Club triples with two 16 year old bowlers. These achievements show her commitment to the development of youth and novice bowlers, where she works together with her teammates to help them develop their skills both on and off the green.

Jo is one of the country's most popular

bowlers, with her professional attitude and respect for opponents she has earned the esteem of bowlers worldwide. Top Australian bowler Karen Murphy described Jo as mentally the "toughest bowler" she has ever played against.

Graeme Rees, Burnside coach and former NZ Assistant Coach comments "Jo is a positive role model for other athletes... and is a credit to herself and our sport".

**Pictured above: Jo Edwards with her third consecutive World Cup Trophy**



**YOUNG PLAYER**  
**OF THE YEAR**

**ANDREW KELLY**  
**CANTERBURY BOWLING CLUB**

*Finalists – Clare McCaul (Silverstream Bowling Club), Mandy Boyd (Johnsonville Bowling Club), Amy Brenton (Stoke Bowling Club).*

*The Young Player of the Year was a highly contested category among the judges this year, with many promising players nominated.*

The award went to Andrew Kelly for the second year running, after he won a silver medal in the singles at the prestigious Hong Kong Classic. His rise to silver included a victory over England's Sam Tolchard, who described Kelly as "top class".

Andrew also represented New Zealand in the U25 Trans Tasman Test Series, where the men's team beat Australia for the first time ever. In the singles Andrew won two of his three games against Mat Pietersen, and combined well with Nathan Glasson in the pairs to beat their Australian peers in all three games. National Assistant Coach Terry Scott comments "he applied himself diligently in preparation for the test series and produced some of his best bowls in

competition play".

Andrew demonstrated a commitment to improving his performance both on and off the green. His focus on training and practice have shown his dedication to the sport, and he carries out many aspects of a high performance culture – including fitness, nutrition, goal setting, and evaluating performance to a high level.

**Pictured above: Andrew Kelly wins silver at the Hong Kong Classic.**

