

THE BEE HIVE BUZZ

Weekly newsletter of the Birkenhead Bowling Club



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#93 Wednesday, 3 September 2025



New Material always welcome. If you have something planned, or an event coming up, then please let the Bee Hive Buzz know - email info@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz

On the Green:

Both greens closed for winter renovations.

BUT! - it's Opening Day on Saturday!

The B Green is expected to be open from Saturday 6th, the A Green needs just a little more time.

What's on in the Club this week:

Due to availability of staff and patronage, bar opening and closing times may change without notice.

Wednesday 3 September - Bar Open 4pm - 9pm

Wednesday Club Night. Joker 500. 6.30pm Calliope Harriers run and walk.

Thursday 4 September - Bar Open 4pm - 6pm

Sports viewing on the big screen. Members choice of what to view.

Friday 5 September - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

Club night. Raffles, Joker, Membership draw.

Saturday 6 September - Bar Open 1pm - 9pm

12.30 - Names in for the Opening Day mini-tournament, play starts at 1pm.

4.00pm - Official opening followed by light refreshments.

6.30pm - All Blacks v. South Africa live from Eden Park. Kick off 7.05pm on Sky Sport 1
Get a group together and come and watch the game on our big screen.

Sunday 7 September - Bar Open 3pm - 7pm

Sports viewing on the big screen. NPC, NRL, your choice of what to view.

Monday 8 September - Bar Open 4pm - 6pm

Sports viewing on the big screen. Members choice of what to view.

Tuesday 9 September - Bar Open 4pm - 6pm

2pm Line Dancing. All welcome. Details page 3

Sports viewing on the big screen. Members choice of what to view.

Wednesday 10 September - Bar Open 4pm - 9pm

10am - Wednesday Rollup, B Green, weather permitting!

Wednesday Club Night. Joker 500. 6.30pm Calliope Harriers run and walk.



BOWLS OPENING 2025-2026 SEASON

The Birkenhead Bowling Club's 2025-2026 season will commence with the opening day this Saturday 6 September. All Members, Partners and Sponsors are welcome. 12.30pm mini-tournament, 4pm opening ceremony followed by light refreshments. Please note that club uniform is to be worn as this will be the first bowls of the new season.

Who will raise the flag? Who will throw the jack? Who will play the first bowl of the season? Come long and find out

BAR PRICES TO INCREASE

Regrettably, we are seeing cost increases across the board from our suppliers and to ensure that we do not run the bar at a loss, a small increase of \$0.50 per item for all beer and wine purchases will apply from Monday September 8.

Presentation to Dame Julie Chapman from Pet Refuge - \$4400.00 raised from the very successful High Tea in August.

L-R: Lynn Barrow, Fay Kingham, Shirene Clewett, Elaine Utting, Dame Julie Chapman and Mark Rumble.



Club Night - Every Friday

Meat Raffles, Joker 500, Members Draw, Free Pool and Darts, Gaming with Jackpot and more . . . Club open from 3pm



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Comings and Goings

With the new bowling season almost upon us, we have lost some old faces but can welcome several new ones.

We won't be seeing Colin 'Captain Starlight' Godfrey on the greens. Sadly, his health has deteriorated and he's no longer able to play bowls. However, keep an eye out for him once the weather gets warmer, he will be in for a beer and to socialise.

Seems our long time bowling guru Lionel Drew is still having a few health issues as in he gets one thing fixed then something else needs attention, all annoyingly keeping him away from the greens. Best wishes for a recovery Lionel and it will be good to see you back again when possible.

Syd Walker has decided to try his hand at the Northcote Club this season, but we will no doubt see him in action at Birkenhead for our Wednesday Triples Tournaments. All the best Syd.

A very warm welcome to Jerry and Jacqui Belcher who will be playing in Birkenhead tournaments when they don't clash with Takapuna! Great to have Stephen 'Hoefty' Hoeft and Carmel back at Birkenhead, we look forward to seeing some good bowls!

Other new (ish) faces this season will be Nick Thompson and Brendon McPhail. We also have David Eades re-joining for the 2025-2026 season.

Great to have a few new 1st year bowlers: Aaron Wong, Caroline Coles and Andy Ellis. Welcome to the Birkenhead Bowling Club and we hope you enjoy your first year at bowls.

SAVE THE DATE:

6 September: Mid-day bowls mini tournament and official opening for the new season.

10 September - 10am Wednesday Rollups get underway. Names in by 9.30 please.

17 September - Wednesday Triples Tournament - get your team together and names on the white board please.

26 September - Friday 2-4-2 Pairs first for the new season

16 January - BNH Umpires Association Triples Tournament

31 Jan 7 1 Feb - Carpet Mill Men's Pairs

28 and 29 March - Sandy's Seafood Tournament

2nd and 3rd May - Danny O'Connor Memorial Triples.

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Birkenhead flying the Colours in Aussie

Kieran and Karen amongst Coolangatta bowlers - actually all up from Victoria escaping the cold as well - getting in some early season practice on much narrower and slower greens - you may identify Alan Bright (NZ Umpire). We are enjoying some warmth but still cannot outrun the rain!



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An Update from Miss Marmalade

Thanks for all the donations of beautiful fruit. The table is currently loaded up with jars of marmalade in various flavours.

PS - there was a new batch of pickled onions but they might have gone by now!

We are in need of jam jars and we also welcome and appreciate the donation of sugar.

All the money raised goes back to the club. Thanks for your support :-)



Line Dancing Line Dancing!

Come and join our Line Dancing on Tuesdays from 2pm for some fun and try your hand at Line Dancing.

Enjoy a friendly and relaxed environment. Dance and song requests welcome.

First lesson free, then only \$5.00. Afterwards share some laughs over a wine or two. Everyone welcome. Enquiries to Elaine Utting 0274 861 023.



Don't forget to keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and cancellations as our 2025-2026 season gets underway.



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BOWLS NORTH HARBOUR

Bowls North Harbour and a number of events open for entry:

Metlifecare NZ Masters - 28 Sept - 3 October **entries close 7 September**

BNH Men's Dick Bree Triples - 1 & 2 November entries close 10 October

BNH Women's Centre Triples - 1 & 2 November entries close 10 October

BNH Pennants - 10, 17, 24 & 31 October entries close 19 September

BNH Men's Centre Pairs - 8 & 9 November entries close 17 October

BNH Women's Centre Singles - 8 & 9 November entries close 17 October

BNH Men's Centre Singles - 15 & 16 November entries close 24 October

BNH Women's Centre Pairs - 15 & 16 November entries close 24 October

Entry is via the Bowls North Harbour web site - go to Events and select the event you want to enter.



All Blacks v South Africa

Saturday 6 September 2025

This Freedom Cup test will mark the Springboks' first appearance at Eden Park since 2013.

5pm: Gates open

7.05pm: All Blacks v South Africa

Come and watch the game live at the Club on our big screen.

Functions at Birkenhead Bowling Club

Corporate Events , Company Social Events , Weddings,
Birthday Celebrations , Anniversary Parties , Breakfasts





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29 September - 3 October 2025

Register today!

- Section Play on Carpet Greens in the Bowls North Harbour Centre
- Headquarters at Browns Bay Bowling Club
- Online at www.bowlsnorthharbour.com/competitions
- Email to bowls@bowlsnorthharbour.co.nz

Entries close Friday 5 September 2025

Monday 29 September - All play starts at 9:30am

- 60-74 Men Fours - Sectional play & Knockout (Post Section)
- 75+ Men Fours - Sectional play & Knockout (Post Section)
- 60-74 Women Pairs - Sectional play & Knockout (Post Section)
- 75 + Women Pairs - Sectional play & Knockout (Post Section)

Tuesday 30 September - All play starts at 9:30am

- 60-74 Men Pairs - Sectional play & Knockout (Post Section)
- 75+ Men Pairs - Sectional play & Knockout (Post Section)
- 60-74 Women Fours - Sectional play & Knockout (Post Section)
- 75 + Women Fours - Sectional play & Knockout (Post Section)

Wednesday 1 October - All play starts at 9:30am

- 60-74 Mixed Pairs - Sectional play & Knockout (Post Section)
- 75+ Mixed Pairs - Sectional play & Knockout (Post Section)

Thursday 2 October - Knockout staggered start times

Knock out (Post Section)

Friday 2 October - All play starts at 9:30am

Finals

Prizegiving - following each discipline's finals

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BECOME A FOUNDATION COACH

Mondays 6th, 13th & 20th October @ Bowls Orewa 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

\$50 to cover course costs



WHO FOUNDATION COACHES COACH? Foundation coaches assist adults and children new to bowls, including those playing with colleagues, friends, and in school sessions.

Foundation coaches can be anyone who prioritizes understanding, caring for people's development, and providing an enjoyable experience to encourage repeat participation.

WHO ARE FOUNDATION COACHES?



FOUNDATION COACHES ARE:
Experienced Club members
Parents, Secondary School teachers
Older Secondary / Tertiary students

THE IDEAL FOUNDATION COACH WILL

Encourage fun, skill development, and sports participation while meeting participants' needs. Promote diverse sports, player development, and individual growth, fostering a sense of community among coaches.



THE FOUNDATION COURSE

Role of the coach emphasized, basic delivery shown, fun games with booklet included, coach accreditation upon course completion, materials provided to coaches.

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