

THE BEE HIVE BUZZ

Weekly newsletter of the Birkenhead Bowling Club



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#126 Wednesday, 26 August 2026

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

Both greens closed for winter maintenance.

What's on in the Club:

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

Wednesday 26 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

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

Thursday 27 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

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

Friday 28 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

Club night. Joker, Membership draw, Meat raffles

Saturday 29 August - Temporary Bar Open 1pm - 6pm

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

Sunday 30 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

5.05pm NPC Rugby Otago v. Waikato live on our big screen.

Monday 31 August - Bar Closed.

Tuesday 1 September - Bar Closed

2pm Line Dancing.

Stop press! Be watching Television One's Seven Sharp from 7pm on this Friday for an item featuring our Elaine Utting and her 60 years of service as a volunteer to Meals-On-Wheels.

The item also celebrates 75 years since the establishment of Meals-on-Wheels in New Zealand.

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WINTER BAR HOURS ARE NOW IN PLACE

With the onset of winter the Club has moved to shorter opening hours. Also please note that while the bar renovation work is being done, the Club will be closed on Monday and Tuesday and there will be no bar service on these days. Our Line Dancing Group will continue to use the Club as usual on Tuesday's.

Line Dancing - next Tuesday

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

Enjoy a friendly and relaxed environment while learning the steps. 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.



MONDAY MAINTENANCE

Although we are closed for the season for bowls, necessary maintenance still needs to go on. There are a number of small jobs being coordinated by Barry Ryeland so please try and get along and help with these before our playing season gets underway.

9am or thereabouts on a Monday will find a small team taking on the various jobs, so if you can spare a Monday (and the weather is fine!) please do come along.

If there's no one there, please call Vaughan Henderson on 021 844 804 for an update on the day.

SUBSCRIPTIONS! Many thanks to those of you who have already paid your subs for the 2026/2027 year. To our full playing members and social members who have not yet renewed, you only have until 31 August to pay at the discounted rate. After 31 August the full subscription rate will apply to our full and social members. You can make payment at the bar if you are in the club or on-line to the Club's bank account.



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FROM THE BOARD

Bar Alterations - These are on schedule and started on August 3rd. The work is quite extensive and everything in the main bar has been stripped out to allow new flooring to be laid and the other layout changes to take place. See photos next page.

While the bar is out of action, a temporary facility will be in place near the Kitchen. Two of the display chillers have been re-located to near the Kitchen to ensure that your favourite chilled beverage is available. There will be no draught beer, only bottled as the existing bar is being pulled apart to move it forward, creating more work space behind.

New Ceiling Tiles: Thanks to funds being available, your Board has accepted a quote from Proficient Interiors Ltd., to supply and fit new ceiling tiles above the main lounge area. Many of the old tiles had water stains from water leaks (now fixed) and were sagging where the ceiling mounted speakers were fitted. Board member Curtis Ennor donned his painting gear and has painted the support grid for the tiles and the walls. This work is 95% complete as this newsletter was being written, with only the small downlights above the white boards and out in the toilet corridor still to be fitted. The new tiles bring a whole new look to the ceiling, lightening the whole area. The new tiles are nearly twice the thickness of the old tiles and incorporate fibreglass sound deadening to improve the area's acoustics. We will be looking for a few volunteers to help re-install the flashing coloured light strings once all the ceiling work is complete.

2026-27 Opening Day - We have had to move our opening day planned for 5 September forward and the Club's Opening Day for the 2026/27 season will now be **Saturday September 19**. The change of date was brought about due to Bowls North Harbour holding their opening on September 5th and the following weekend is a clash with the popular BNH 2-4-2 Pairs.

The opening will follow our usual format, kicking off at 12.30 with a mini-tournament (weather permitting), and finishing at about 3pm with the official opening and guest speaker at 4pm.

2026/2027 Season - On Saturday November 14th we plan to hold a "Have-A-Go-Day" at the club from 10am to 3pm. It's been several years since this promotion has been held and we will be looking to promote this extensively via the local Facebook pages to try and get non-bowlers along for a 'taste' of our game. More on this nearer the time.

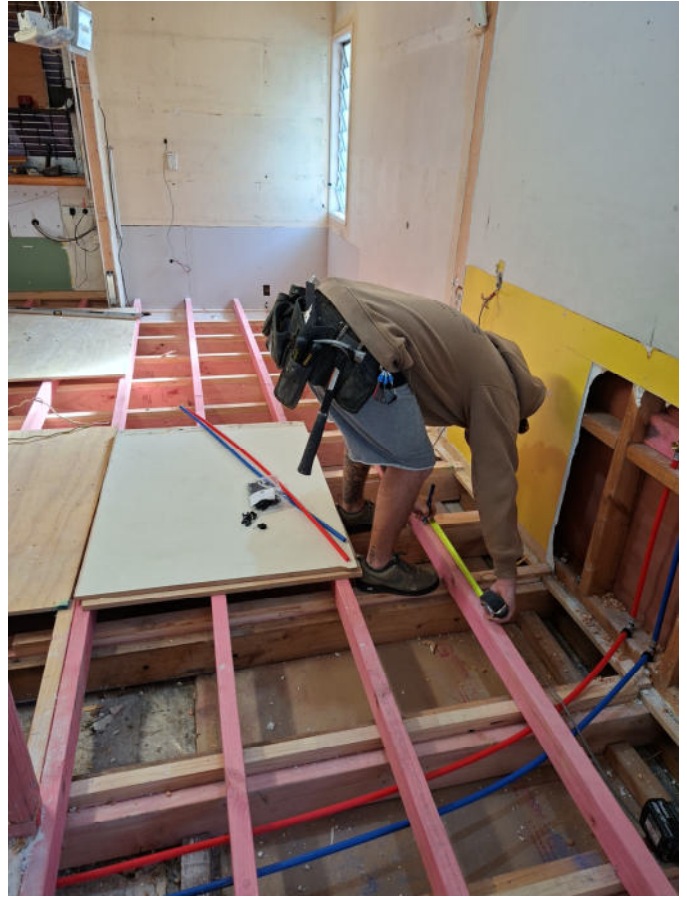
2026/27 Playing Programme

Our 2026/2027 Members Handbook information has gone to the printers. Some key dates are:

- 19 September: Club opening day for the new season
- 6 October: Bowls coaching resumes, 4-6pm on Tuesdays
- 2 November: Monday Social Bowls commences
- 14 November: Have A Go Day - more details to come.
- 1 December: Christmas Shield Birkenhead v. Northcote
- 30/31 January: Carpet Mill Men's Pairs
- 20/21 March: Sandy's Seafood Tournament
- 27/28 March: Easter 2-4-2 Tournament
- 1/2 May: Danny O'Connor Memorial Tournament.



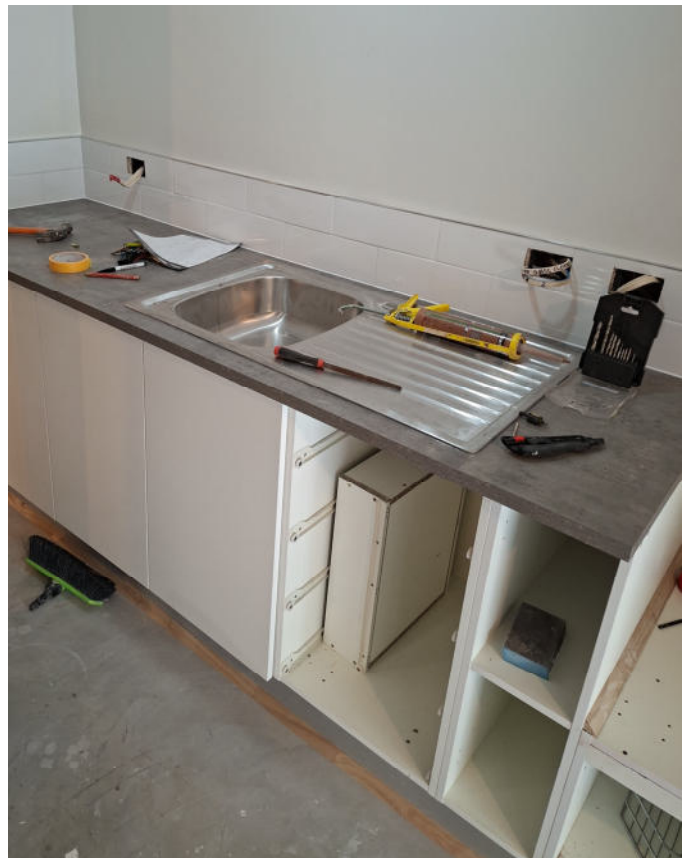
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Don't forget to keep an eye on our Facebook page for and updates and cancellations as our 2025-2026 season gets underway.



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A MESSAGE FROM MISS MARMALADE

Miss Marmalade and her helper are getting back in action with the citrus fruit season in full swing.

This year, donations of oranges would be greatly appreciated. With many people unable to eat grapefruit marmalade, she will be looking to make more orange marmalade.

Plenty of Orange, Grapefruit and Lemon marmalade on the table right now so get in quick!

Please also remember that glass jars with lids and any donations of sugar are also most welcome to help with the jam making.



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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BOWLS FOR SALE

Two sets of bowls from a deceased estate are available for sale.

Set one is four Henselite Supergrip Size 0 bowls date stamp 1994. These bowls are in exceptionally good condition for their age with no chips or scratches. No bowling bag or box.



These two sets of bowls are being offered to BBC members in the first instance and if no sensible offers are received, will be put on TradeMe.

Please contact Vaughan Henderson on 021 844 804 or info@bowlsbirkenhead.co.nz to view and make an offer on these bowls.

Set two is four Taylor Vector VS Size 3 bowls date code 18 (2018?) in good condition. These bowls have seen some use and have some marks and scratches consistent with use but no chip marks.

The bowls come in a Flylite travel bag which has had a foam insert fitted to hold the bowls.



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WELCOME TO OUR

Weekly Reminder

On the Right Line

BNH Executive Fours & Opening Day

Saturday 5 September 2026

Play commences at 9:30am

Mairangi Bay Bowling Club

Lunch (provided) at 11:45

Official Season Opening 2:15 pm - with guest speaker

Clubs Participating

Barracudas
Beach Haven
Birkenhead
BNH Umpires
Browns Bay
Helensville
Mahurangi East
Mairangi Bay
Manly
Milford
Northcote
Orewa
Riverhead
Sunnybrae BC

Clubs Not Registered

or

Unable to Attend

Belmont
Hobsonville
Omaha
Takapuna
Warkworth
Waimauku



Bowls North Harbour EVENTS Open for Entry

- ~~• BNH Mixed 2 4 2 Pairs - Sat 12 & Sun 13 September~~
~~Entries close 21 August 2026~~
- OPEN Ivan Kostanich Men's Singles - Sat 19 & Sun 20 Sept
Entries close 29 August 2026
- BNH NZ Masters - 5 to 9 October 2026
Entries close 4 September 2026

BNH NZ Masters Age Groups now 55 to 69 and 70 Plus

All players in a team **MUST** be in the same age bracket
(no player to play up or down age bracket)
Age as at 5 October 2026

all events scheduled for play in 2026 are now open for entries
through the Bowls North Harbour website and BowlsHub

**all entries online and accessed from the
Bowls North Harbour EVENTS tab on the website**

REPRESENTATIVE PLAYER REGISTRATIONS
OF INTEREST ARE BEING ACCEPTED.
CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31ST AUGUST 2026

<https://www.bowlsnorthharbour.com/representative-player-expression-of-interest/>



Don't wait - Check your prostate

Importance of men having regular prostate checks with their GP

If you are a man in your 40s, 50s or 60s, you should have regular prostate checks with your doctor. An annual prostate health check, including a PSA blood test, could mean the difference between a life led free of prostate cancer or ongoing cancer treatments and potentially a premature death.

Prostate cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in New Zealand. One in eight men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime, with around 4,500 diagnosed every year. It is the second highest cause of cancer death in men after lung cancer, and the third highest for men and women (behind lung and bowel cancers). Around 740 men die on average every year from prostate cancer. More men die from prostate cancer annually than women die from breast cancer. Most prostate cancer deaths arise because the cancer is detected only when the cancer is already relatively advanced.

Prostate cancer can develop quietly. It might not cause any symptoms as it develops, only making itself apparent once it has already progressed to a serious stage. If detected early, it can be cured. However, if prostate cancer is discovered once advanced, and has already spread outside the prostate, then it can become a serious threat to a man's length and quality of life. Once prostate cancer has spread to distant parts of the body, then treatment options are significantly reduced and it can become terminal.

The check for signs of prostate cancer is a simple blood test, sometimes accompanied by a physical examination. The blood test identifies the level of prostate-specific antigen (PSA) produced by the prostate. An elevated PSA need not necessarily indicate prostate cancer, but provides an alert for further investigation.

It is therefore essential that men in their 40s, 50s and 60s are *proactive* in seeing their doctor for an annual visit, including a check for possible signs of prostate cancer. We take our cars in for an annual WOF to keep us safe and our vehicle running well. If you are a man in your 40s, 50s or 60s, and particularly if you have a family history of prostate cancer, you should take the same approach to yourself: be *proactive* and have an annual prostate health check with your doctor.

Visit <https://prostate.org.nz/> or call 0800 66 0800 for more information.

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