

THE BEE HIVE BUZZ

Weekly newsletter of the Birkenhead Bowling Club



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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: Only the B Green is now available for practice. The A Green is now closed until next season. Please watch for closed signs.

Wednesday 27 May

10.00am Wednesday Club Day Roll-Up. Names in by 9.30 please.

Thursday 28 May

B Green only available for practice.

Friday 29 May

1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2) Team and single entry.

Saturday 30 May

B Green only available for practice.

Sunday 31 May

B Green only available for practice.

Monday 1 June

B Green only available for practice.

Tuesday 2 June

B Green only available for practice. Bowls coaching finished for the season.

5pm Entries close for Darrington Lannigan Singles (Mixed, 65+ Full and Life Members only)

Wednesday 3 June

9.00am Darrington Lannigan Singles (Mixed, 65+, – Full & Life members only)

What's on in the Club:

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

Wednesday 27 May - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

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

Thursday 28 May - Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

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

Friday 29 May - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

Club night. Joker, Membership draw, Meat raffles

Saturday 30 May - Bar Open 3pm - 6.00pm

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Sunday 31 May - Bar Open 3pm - 6.00pm

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

Monday 1 June - Bar Open 3pm - 6.00pm

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

Tuesday 2 June - Bar Open 3pm - 6.00pm

2pm Line Dancing

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



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 starting.

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.

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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DARRINGTON LANNIGAN SINGLES (Again)

Rained out on the original playing date back in February, we are going to try again on Wednesday 3 June. This will be in place of our usual Club Day Roll-Up. Single entry, mixed, 65 + age. Names on the white board at the Club please. Start time 9am.

Note - markers will be required for the three games, please come and help if you can.

FROM THE SHOP

More Hoodies are in stock. If you missed out on the first order, these have been re-stocked in a larger range of sizes. Warm and rain resistant, pockets in front. Ideal for the colder weather that's coming.

Only \$90 each - and a good range of sizes back in stock.

The shop stock does not have a neck opening zip. Club member Don Martin has had his altered to add a short zip - Dan can give you the details if you would like yours altered.



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.



Trophies Return

Closing Day and Prize-giving is just around the corner. If you have a Birkenhead Bowling Club Trophy from last season now is the time to drop it back to the Club. All Trophies are now required back by Sunday 30 May.



Step Forward Podiatry Services:

- Nail and skin foot concerns
- Fungal toenails and feet
- Aged Care foot problems
 - Ingrown toenails
- Foot orthotics and footwear
- Foot pain and injuries

BOOK NOW

Mention this ad and receive \$10 OFF your initial consultation.

For the Records

Have you changed address, phone number or email during the past year? Have you notified the Club Secretary in writing? Are your details incorrect in the Club hand book? You don't receive any emails from the Club, perhaps we have an incorrect email for you. Here is your opportunity to tidy it all up. Fill in a yellow "Change of Details" form available at the Club with your correct details and hand it to the Club Secretary or to the bar. Your details will be updated and you won't miss anymore of the Club's communications.

Work will be commencing early next month on our 2026-2027 season Members Handbook. Please make sure your details are correct NOW! Remember, if it's wrong in next season's handbook, don't blame the compiler...

RSA National Outdoor Bowls Tournament 2026-2027

The RSA Outdoor Bowls National Tournament for the 2026-2027 is being hosted by the Far North RSA on the 14th to 17th March 2027. The format will be 3 Bowl Triples. The Far North RSA Bowling Club is located at 18 Matthews Avenue in Kaitia.

Bowlers interested in playing and being partially funded by Birkenhead RSA Bowling Section are asked to register their interest with the Birkenhead RSA Bowling Section by 10th June (individually and not as a team)

Please email Tom Winton (Tom.winton444@gmail.com) by 10th June and you will then receive the criteria to qualify.

Best regards Tom Winton,
On behalf of the Bowling Section Committee Birkenhead RSA
Steve Doolan Bary Reyland Geoff Darby Tommy Winton



HIGH TEA AT BIRKENHEAD

Saturday 1st August will be another one of our fabulous High Tea's.

With delicious nibbles, bubbles and entertainment by some high class dancers, this will be an event not to be missed!

Watch this space for details on where to get tickets.



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SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday June 6th - Closing and Prizegiving. 1pm mini-tournament (names in by 12.30 please) and prize giving gets underway at 4.00pm.

Monday June 8th - Start of our Winter Indoor Bowls - see below for details.

Saturday 21 June - 10am Annual General Meeting. Look for your email invitation. As usual, there are some vacancies on the board and in the many volunteer roles. Your name could go on the board at the club :-))

Saturday August 1st will be our fabulous High Tea afternoon. More details to come...

Indoor Bowls at Birkenhead



Indoor Winter Bowls

Indoor winter bowls are back again for 2026

Playing dates are:

Monday 8 June

Monday 15 June

Monday 22 June

Monday 29 June

Teams are asked to arrive at the club at 6pm with the first game to commence at 6.30pm. Arrive earlier if you like, the club and bar will be open from 3pm.

Cost - \$5.00 per person per week for the first three weeks.

Week 4 \$10.00 per person includes a meal and prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd over the four weeks.

Meat raffles will also be on sale.

Teams of three or single entry - everyone is welcome, no experience necessary.

Contact: The Birkenhead Bowling Club (09 480 7493) or Doug Campbell 022 358 0878 or via our Facebook page: BowlsBirkenhead – Bowling Club





CHRISTMAS SHIELD BACK AT NORTHOTE

Last Sunday at the Northcote Bowling Club's Prizegiving and AGM, the Christmas Shield, won by Northcote for the 2025-2026 season, was formally presented to the club.

Pictured are President Tom Edwards, Secretary Nigel Armstrong and Northcote Member of Parliament Dan Bidois holding the shield.

BIRKENHEAD BOWLING CLUB AGM 2026

Our 2026 Annual General Meeting is set down for 10am Sunday 21 June 2026 at the Clubrooms. Official notice of the AGM went out to financial members' last week, so keep an eye on your email inbox.

All positions on the Board of Management are up for election each year while appointments on the various committees are via "Expression of Interest" with the decision of the Board of Management member concerned with the final sign off by Board of Management.

The Club may have the Board of Management overseeing the overall running of the Club but the grassroots are run by the various members and committees. Although some seem to think the fairies behind the green keeper's shed magically set up and coordinate the smooth running of the club, it's not the case!. It is members working together, behind the scenes, putting a bit in here and there, for the benefit of others in general. If you can assist in a position or on a committee listed here, please complete an "Expression of Interest" form and put it in the box provided:

Club Captain, Club Almoner, Selectors, Match Committee, Mid-week Tournament Committee, Sunday Tournament Committee, Roll-up Committee, Social Committee, Grounds and Maintenance Committee, Greens Superintendent, Delegate to BNH, Substitute Delegate to BNH, 1-5 Year Coordinator, and Web-site Director.

No experience is need on various committees as those serving along with you will show you the ropes, you just need to be keen, we all started somewhere. Come on, come and help out, the Club needs you.



BOWLS NORTH HARBOUR CHAMPION OF CHAMPION FOURS

It was an action-packed weekend of high-calibre lawn bowls as the region's top club teams went head-to-head in the Bowls North Harbour Champion of Champion Fours, played over the weekend of 23 and 24 May 2026.

Birkenhead had a team in the Women's and Men's sections the men's team reaching the quarter-finals and the Women's team the semi-finals. Our women's team was Loz Croot, Millie Nathan, Jamie Chen and Connie Mathieson. In the men's team: Mark Rumble, Nigel Drew, Peter Nathan and Brian Wilson.

The tournament opened on Saturday 23rd with fields split across two local clubs to find the final knockout contenders:

- Women's Section: Qualifying rounds were hosted at the Waimauku Bowling Club, featuring highly competitive, close encounters.
- Men's Section: The men's qualifying fields battled it out at Helensville Bowling Club, where excellent playing surface led to nail-biting, tactical finishes.

On Sunday, the competition shifted to the covered facilities at Bowls Orewa. The roof ensured that the quarter-finals, semi-finals, and finals for both men and women were played at the highest standard, completely uninterrupted by the elements. The standard of play lifted to another level under the roof, narrowing down to these top post-section contenders:

Women's Knockout Field:

- Quarter-Finals: Bowls Orewa def. Bowls Warkworth (13–7); Manly def. Bowls Northcote (18–13); Mairangi Bay def. Milford (21–6); and Birkenhead def. Sunnybrae (22–8).
- Semi-Final matchups: Manly went head-to-head with Bowls Orewa with Manly winning 19 – 17, while Mairangi Bay faced off against Birkenhead, with Mairangi coming through by 19– 8.
- Final: Mairangi Bay, Sheryl Wellington, Jan Gledhill, Theresa Rogers & Colleen Rice, defeated Manly, Helen Briant, Jan Harrison, Robyne Henderson & Kathy Stevens (16–14)

Men's Knockout Field:

- Quarter-Finals: Manly def. Milford (18–3); Bowls Warkworth def. Sunnybrae (23–6); Riverhead def. Mahurangi East (15–12); and Browns Bay def. Birkenhead (17–13).
- Semi-Final matchups: Bowls Warkworth squared up against Manly with Warkworth winning (21 – 4), and Browns Bay battled Riverhead with Browns Bay claiming the win (16 – 3).
- Final: Browns Bay, Matt Berry, Colin Rogan, John Walker & Neil Fisher defeated Warkworth, Matthieu Lennan, Stewart MacDonald, Scott Wilson & Duncan Rhind (17 – 8)

Thanks Bowls North Harbour for this report.



BOWLS NORTH HARBOUR WINTER COACHING

UP TO 9 EXPERT COACHES

Group and One-on-One Coaching

ATTEND ONE OR ATTEND ALL

TO REGISTER, EMAIL: bowls@bowlsnorthharbour.co.nz





 **DATES:** 4, 11, 18 & 25 JULY 2026

 **TIME:** 9:30 to 11:30 am

 **LOCATION:** BOWLS OREWA (Under Cover)



COST: \$5.00
Per Person, Per Session



 **Sausage Sizzle on 25th**
(Included with final session)

 **TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS PROVIDED**

Please bring warm clothing, as it can be cold under cover in winter



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