

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

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 29 July - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

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

Thursday 30 July - Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

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

Friday 31 July - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

Club night. Joker, Membership draw, Meat raffles

Saturday 1 August - Bar Open 1pm - 6pm

2pm High Tea! The must have event of the year! See page 2.

Sunday 2 August - Bar Open 2pm - close

2pm Private Birthday Party—happy birthday Dominic!

Monday 3 August - Main Bar Closed. Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

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

Tuesday 4 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

2pm Line Dancing.

Wednesday 5 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 9.00pm

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

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

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

Friday 7 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 9.00pm

Club night. Joker, Membership draw, Meat raffles

Saturday 8 August - Temporary Bar Open 1pm - 6pm

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

Sunday 9 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

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

Monday 10 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

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

Tuesday 11 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 6.00pm

2pm Line Dancing.

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Birkenhead Bowling Club 'Charity Begins at Home'

High Tea Fundraiser

Saturday 1st August, 2pm

LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS IS TODAY, WEDNESDAY 29TH. CONTACT LOUISE URGENTLY IF YOU PLAN ON COMING



Get your glad rags on, gather your friends and join us for an afternoon of fun and entertainment as we raise funds for the on-going maintenance and upkeep of our club.



Auctions, Raffles and Cash Bar all available

Reserve your ticket now - Contact Louise, 021 2357121

\$50 per ticket, includes -

- *Glass of bubbles on arrival*
- *High Tea*
- *Entertainment*



2026 - 22027 Season Members Handbook

Changes to member's details has now closed. Final work is underway to get the information to our printer so we can have the new season handbook available before opening day.

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.

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!

See page 2 for details on where to get tickets but be in quick! Last ticket sales today 29 July.



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- Nail and skin foot concerns
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Bowls North Harbour Winter Cup - thanks Bowls North Harbour for the report.

The 2026 BNH Winter Cup has officially wrapped up following a fantastic series of competitive bowls played across the Fridays in July. Designed to keep players active and sharp throughout the mid-winter period, this year's tournament delivered outstanding bowls, tight finishes, and great camaraderie despite the winter conditions.

A huge thank you to all our host clubs, greens convenors, umpires, and volunteers who ensured the greens were in top shape and the event ran smoothly each week.

Key Highlights & Champions

Women's Winter Cup Champions: Birkenhead

Birkenhead put together a dominant campaign across the series, putting on a clinic in draw bowls and maintaining consistency through every end to claim the title.

Men's Winter Cup Champions: Orewa Seagulls

Orewa showed their pedigree in the Men's division, navigating a tough field and holding their nerve in crucial pressure situations to secure top honours. This makes it 6 wins from the last 9 years for Bowls Orewa. Perhaps they need to be holding a cup replica.

Congratulations to Birkenhead and Orewa on their victories and well done to all participating clubs for making the 2026 Winter Cup a resounding success!

Stay tuned to the Bowls North Harbour website and Facebook page for upcoming event announcements as we prepare for the 2026/2027 season.



Jamie Chen, Judy Smith, Connie Mathieson and Jacqui Belcher. The team on the final day but Mavis Smith played the first and second day making it a joint effort indeed to be in the final.

Thank you Connie for the photo.

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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FROM THE BOARD

Thanks for the good turn-out for our AGM and the discussions and suggestions during general business. Your Board is considering these ideas.

Elected Positions:

Chairperson - Greg Utting
President - Doug Campbell
Vice-President - Curtis Ennor
Secretary - Shirene Clewett
Treasurer - Elaine Utting
Board Members:
Evan Thomas
Joseph Korkis
Louise Fox
Vaughan Henderson

Volunteers:

Club Captain: Adam Richardson
Club Almoner: Vaughan Henderson
Match Committee: Doug Campbell, Zakk Johnson, John Hindmarch, Mark Rumble
Selectors (Men's): John Hindmarch, Mark Rumble, Jimmy Heath
(Women's): Lauranne Croot, Millie Nathan
1-5 Year Co-ordinators: Mike Haggart, Adam Richardson
Mid Week Tournament Committee: Evan Thomas and Sandy Cleghorn
Sunday Tournament Committee: Evan Thomas and Sandy Cleghorn
Roll-Up Committee: Vaughan Henderson
Coaching Committee: Mike Haggart
Sponsorship Committee: Louise Fox, Greg Utting
Greens Superintendent: Doug Campbell
Website Director: Curtis Ennor
Social Committee: Louise Fox, Shirene Clewett, Elaine Utting, Fay Kingham, Lynn Barrow, Pauline Mirko
Grounds Maintenance: Barry Ryeland
Delegates to Bowls North Harbour: Evan Thomas and Doug Campbell
Honorary Auditor: Butch Mawdsley; Honorary Solicitor: Stuart Weir

If you want to help with any of the named volunteer positions, please contact the person listed above.



FROM THE BOARD - continued

Bar Alterations - These are on schedule to start on August 3rd. The work is quite extensive and will mean that the main bar will be closed and everything stripped out to allow new flooring to be laid and the other layout changes to take place.

While the bar is out of action, a temporary facility will be in place in the Kitchen. One or two of the display chillers will be re-located to the Kitchen and the existing refrigerator will also be used 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.

We hope that the bar alterations will only take five weeks but if any problems/complications arise after the existing floor is removed, then the work may take another week.

A and B Greens - Brendon our Greenkeeper is making good progress with the winter maintenance. Both greens have been cored and new seed for the A Green has arrived allowing the A Green to be re-seeded and sprayed. Currently there is no sign of the destructive nematodes on the A Green so the spray treatment looks to have been effective. The annoying patches of weed in the middle of the B Green are responding to a careful spraying programme and look to be improving.

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 - Your Board has spent some time since being elected, looking at ways we can attract new members and in particular more 1-5 year players. To this end, Chairperson Greg is leading a drive to do more promoting the club and it's activities.

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

This is in the final stages of checking prior to sending to the printers for our new season Members Handbook. Sorry, those of you who have asked for a copy—it's coming soon!

Some key dates are:

6 October: Bowls coaching resumes, 4-6pm on Tuesdays

2 November: Monday Social Bowls commences

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.

