

THE BEE HIVE BUZZ

Weekly newsletter of the Birkenhead Bowling Club



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#125 Wednesday, 5 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 5 August - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

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

Thursday 6 August - Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

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

Friday 7 August - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

Club night. Joker, Membership draw, Meat raffles
7.10pm Taranaki v. Waikato in the NPC Mitre 10 Cup
8pm NRL NZ Warriors v. Penrith Panthers

Saturday 8 August - Bar Open 1pm - 6pm

2.05pm NPC Mitre10 Cup Auckland v. Wellington.
5.05pm NPC Mitre10 Cup Bay of Plenty v. Northland
5pm All Blacks v. DHL Stormers

Sunday 9 August - Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

2.05pm NPC Mitre10 Cup Otago v. Canterbury.

Monday 10 August - Bar Closed.

Tuesday 11 August - Bar Closed

2pm Line Dancing.

Wednesday 12 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 9.00pm

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

Thursday 13 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

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

Friday 14 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 9.00pm

Club night. Joker, Membership draw, Meat raffles

Saturday 15 August - Temporary Bar Open 1pm - 6pm

2.05pm NPC Mitre10 Cup Canterbury v. Bay of Plenty.
5.05pm NPC Mitre10 Cup Auckland v. Hawkes Bay.

Sunday 16 August - Temporary Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

2.05pm NPC Mitre10 Cup Southland v. Waikato.
5.05pm NPC Mitre10 Cup Auckland v. Wellington.

Monday 17 August - Bar Closed

Tuesday 18 August - Bar Closed

2pm Line Dancing.

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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 nights and there will be no bar service on Tuesdays. 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.

The Birkenhead Bowling Club Board and Members extend their sympathies to Louise Fox who's Mother passed away Tuesday 4 August.



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

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AUGUST HIGH TEA A GREAT SUCCESS

"What a great high tea fundraiser. Make sure you get your tickets for next year. The food was primo, raffles, auction items, spot prizes, entertainment, impromptu singing, poetry and prize for best dressed. Lou and team you put on a good event." Thanks, Janice Dowle

On behalf of the Social Committee, we thank everyone who came along and supported our High Tea. Without you, there wouldn't be an event. Over the past years we have chosen different charities for our fundraising, but this year we are focussed on raising funds for the ongoing maintenance of our club so everyone in our community can continue to enjoy the facilities we offer here.

Thanks to Doug, Adam and Mark Rumble who pitched in to move furniture for the set up on Saturday and to put everything back on Sunday morning. Your help was greatly appreciated.

With a last-minute cancellation from our waitresses, we called on some of our guests to help out in the kitchen. Thanks especially to Lisa Johnson and her friend Jocelyn. You stepped in, plated up and delivered plates of delicious goodies to all our guests. Your help was greatly appreciated.

We also extend a massive thanks our MC and auctioneer extraordinaire, Shane Prince. Shane does such an amazing job of presenting this day and especially for encouraging people to dig deep and buy our wonderful auction items.

Thank you to all our amazing sponsors who donated goods for our raffle and auctions. We don't have the final figure yet, but we have raised around \$4800.00! What a fabulous result!

Even though every year, we sit down at the end of the day and say, we are never doing that again, we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Louise, Elaine, Fay Louise, Lynn, Shirene and Pauline

High Tea Sponsors

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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.



Bowls Birkenhead - Bowling Club

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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

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.

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.

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.





WELCOME TO OUR

Weekly Reminder

On the Right Line

Bowls North Harbour EVENTS

Open for Entry

- **BNH Executive Fours - Sat 5 September**
Entries close 14 August 2026

Entries Need Club Name Only.
Assist by entering early.

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

The 2026 2027 BNH Handbook is currently being prepared
Please advise any changes to your Club details as soon as possible.



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BEACH HAVEN
BOWLING CLUB



ANNUAL
QUIZ NIGHT



Saturday 22 August - 7:00pm

Doors open 6:00pm

Table of 6 – \$100

Payment required to secure your table.

- ✓ Bar open with a special winter mulled wine
- ✓ Raffles throughout the night
- ✓ Prizes for winning teams
- ✓ Bring your own food for your table



Email: secretary@beachhavenbowls.nz to enter

Payment required to secure table.

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Arm Bowling Coaching

BOWLS OREWA ~ RYMAN COVERED GREEN

Wednesday 19th August

Coaching 10am - 12noon
1-Hour Fun Game After Training

\$10 Coaching Fee: \$10 per Arm Bowler
All proceeds go to NZ Blind Bowlers

Raffles on the day!

Bring Your Own Lunch!

Contact Garry Banks
027 480 7942
to book your spot!



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