

THE BEE HIVE BUZZ

Weekly newsletter of the Birkenhead Bowling Club



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#127 Wednesday, 2 September 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 2 September - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

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

Thursday 3 September - Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

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

Friday 4 September - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

Club night. Joker, Membership draw, Meat raffles

Saturday 5 September - Bar Open 1pm - 7pm

2.30pm - 6pm Private Function

5pm - Warriors v. Manly Sea Eagles live from Go Media Stadium

Sunday 6 September - Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

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

Monday 7 September - Bar Closed.

Tuesday 8 September - Bar Closed

2pm Line Dancing.



WINTER BAR HOURS UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER

Although Spring is supposedly here, Club's shorter opening hours will continue until we open for play. The bar renovation work is nearly complete, but 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, sorry, you only had 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.



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.

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.

BAR RENOVATIONS NEARLY COMPLETE

Thanks to some great work by Colin Barrow the bar renovations are nearly complete. The bar contents are now back 'behind the bar' and normal bar service will resume this Wednesday. In place of the old glass water dispenser we now have a chilled water machine seen here at the left hand end. No it's not the yellow bucket!



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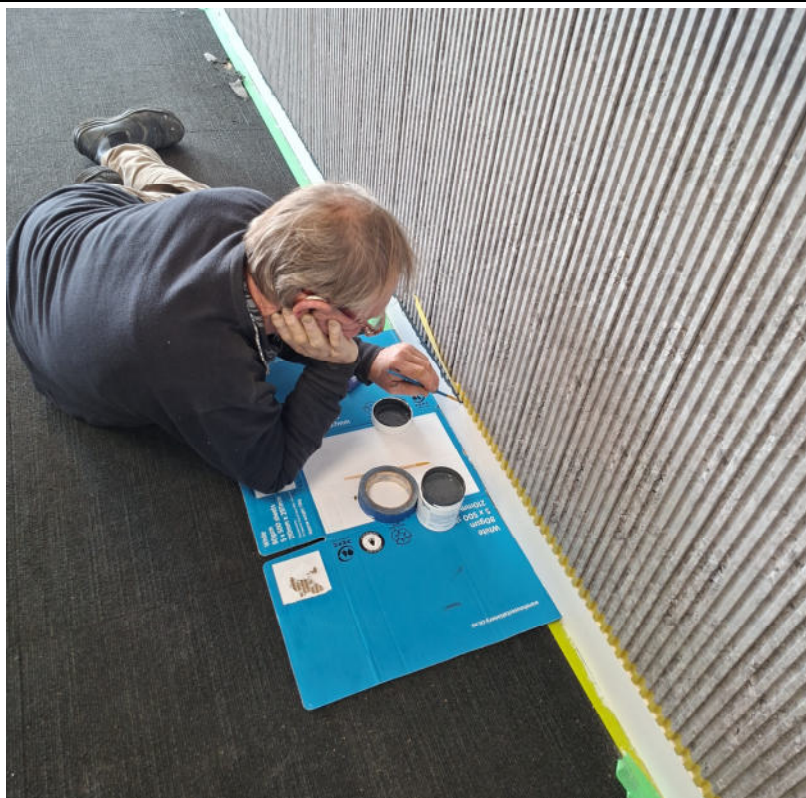


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The finishing touches!

Two new display chillers for the bar with the old chillers now in behind where an old store room used to be.

This means that re-stocking can be done from product in the old chillers, saving our bar staff much time.

Previously, re-stocking meant a trip downstairs to the main beer cooler area.



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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Bowls North Harbour UMPIRES NEEDED

Training starts soon—Step up to the mat

Share the load—become an Umpire

Bowls North Harbour **URGENTLY** needs qualified Umpires

The next training course is starting soon.

This is a chance to give back to the
sport and support fellow
players from the other side of the
ropes



***Umpire uniform & kit provided on
completion***

If interested get in touch

Sheryl Wellington

Email: sherylwellington60@gmail.com

Phone: 027 299 0060



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

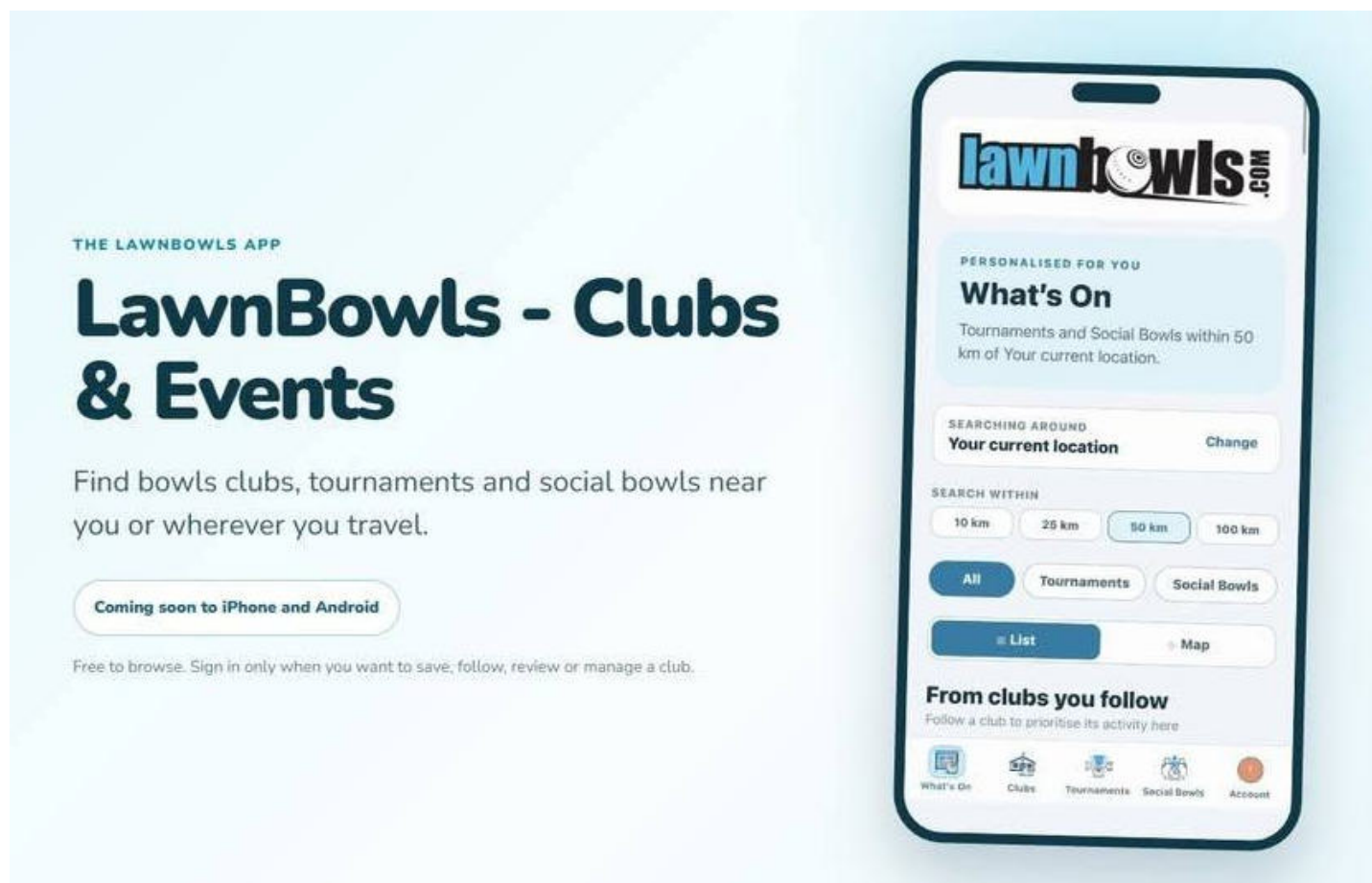
all events scheduled for play in 2026 are now open for entries
through the Bowls North Harbour website and BowlsHub

**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/>





Hi All, I'm preparing to launch the LawnBowls.com on Google Play, and Google requires us to complete a closed test before the app can be released publicly.

I'm looking for around 20 people with an Android phone who can:

- Join using a private Google Play testing link
- Install and try the LawnBowls app
- Test club searches, maps, tournaments, social bowls and other features
- Let me know about any problems or suggestions

Remain opted into the test for 14 days

You won't need to test it every day, and no technical experience is required.

If you'd like to help, send me a private message. I'll send the installation link as soon as the testing group opens.

Thank you! Your help will get LawnBowls onto Google Play sooner.

You can read about the features of the app here: <https://www.lawnbowls.com/app>

Paul Johnson (Developer)

