

THE BEE HIVE BUZZ

Weekly newsletter of the Birkenhead Bowling Club



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#129 Wednesday, 30 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

The B Green is open for practice and roll-up's, A Green is closed until Labour Weekend.

On the Greens:

Wednesday 30 September

10am Wednesday Roll-Up. All welcome. Names in by 9.30am please.

Thursday 1 October

A Green closed. B Green open for practice.

5pm Entries close for Handicap Singles

Friday 2 October

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

Saturday 3 October

8.30am Handicap Singles.

Sunday 4 October

A Green closed, B Green open for practice.

Monday 5 October

A Green Closed. B Green open for practice.

Tuesday 6 October

A Green closed, B Green open for practice.

Wednesday 7 October

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What's on in the Club:

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

Wednesday 30 September - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

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

Thursday 1 October - Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

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

Friday 2 October - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

Club night. Joker, Membership draw, Meat raffles

Saturday 3 October - Bar Open 1pm - 7pm

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Sunday 4 October - Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

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Monday 5 October - Bar Open 3pm - 6pm.

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Tuesday 6 October - Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

2pm Line Dancing.



2026/27 Playing Programme

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

13 October: Bowls coaching resumes, 4-6pm on Tuesdays (one week later than previously advised).

2 November: Monday Social Bowls commences

14 November: Have A Go Day - more details to come.

TBA December: Christmas Shield Birkenhead v. Northcote at 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.

BROWNS BAY BOWLING CLUB WINTER 5's

This BBBC 4 day tournament has been running for a number of years, and is normally hotly contested. Each playing day is a mix of pairs and triples, and is a mixed event.

This year's event was sponsored by Darren James and Barfoot & Thompson, Browns Bay. A huge thanks to them, and they also sponsor the carpet green on a yearly basis.

This season's event was won by a Birkenhead team, skipped by John Hindmarch, along with Evan Thomas, Jimmy Heath, Zakk Johnson and Mark (let's get ready to) Rumble. Well done guys. As well as the late Neil McMaster trophy, the Birko boys also picked up \$3 hundred between them.

Runners up was a composite team who have played together for years of Leon Wech (subbed today by Doug Hiku), Phil Chisholm (subbed today by Andrea Grant), Pete Sheehan, Willie McIvor and Mike (Fish) Haggart.

Third place overall went to the McClintock team, who have won this tournament 3 x times in recent years. The weather for today's last day was to put it bluntly, shite. Strong winds all day and often annoying rain in the morning, but which mostly stopped in the afternoon's games. Big thanks also again to Richard Talbot who has been heavily involved in this year's happenings as per usual. Match day cards, entry fees, results, tournament spread sheets, awesome.

Thanks Evan Thomas and the BBBC for this report.




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AROUND THE CLUB

Entries have closed for the BNH Pennants and selector John Hindmarch will be advising the teams.

Entries are open for next year's Sandy's Seafood tournament. This is on 20/21 March next year. A very popular tournament so get your team names in/on the white board at the club as soon as possible!

The start of the Clubs 2026/27 Season tournaments, the handicap pairs which should have been played last weekend unfortunately got rained out, so watch for a new date.

When you are playing, take time out to admire the scoreboards with their new blackboard film (thanks Curtis Ennor) and new chalk holders (thanks John Hindmarch) . No more chalk falling off the top of the boards and the new chalk holders should keep the chalk dry. The chalk writes much better on the new blackboard surface.

Members Handbook—the printer's unfortunately used the wrong text file to compile the new season handbook and the proof copy has gone back to get it done right! Don't know when we will have the handbooks yet . . .

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

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.



Don't forget to keep an eye on our Facebook page for and updates and cancellations as our 2026-2027 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 as well as more pickled onions 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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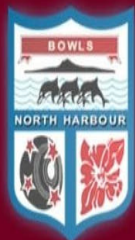
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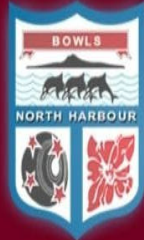
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MEN'S PREMIER & DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SQUAD

Adam Richardson Birkenhead	John Walker Browns Bay
Andy Dorrance Manly	Kevin Rainsford Orewa
Brent Malcolm Takapuna	Mark Brown Milford
Brian Wilson Birkenhead	Matt Berry Browns Bay
Chad Nathan Birkenhead	Matt Higginson Birkenhead
Chris Gore Beach Haven	Mike Thomas Mairangi Bay
Craig Laine Browns Bay	Phil Chisholm Mairangi Bay
David den Hertog Hobsonville	Richard Coles Manly
David Payne Mairangi Bay	Simon Poppleton Takapuna
Guy Robson Warkworth	Will Tonga Birkenhead



**BOWLS
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WOMEN'S PREMIER & DEVELOPMENT TRAINING SQUAD

Helen Briant (Manly)	Connie Mathieson (Birkenhead)
Deanne Bronlund (Hobsonville)	Elaine McClintock (Mairangi Bay)
Jeanine Browne (Riverhead)	Milika Nathan (Birkenhead)
Jamie Chen (Birkenhead)	Leeane Poulson (Takapuna)
Julie Chhour (Mairangi Bay)	Colleen Rice (Mairangi Bay)
Margaret Eames (Manly)	Theresa Rogers (Mairangi Bay)
Judi Farkash (Mairangi Bay)	Glenda Rountree (Mairangi Bay)
Selina Goddard (Takapuna)	Judy Smith (Birkenhead)
Michelle Kean (Takapuna)	Carol Voshaar (Hobsonville)
Keiko Kurohara (Takapuna)	Robyne Walker (Takapuna)
Michelle MacDonald (Warkworth)	



Oceania Challenge 2026

19-22 November | Orewa Bowls, Auckland

The Oceania Challenge 2026 is heading to Orewa Bowls, Auckland, from 23-29 November, bringing together teams from across the Pacific for an exciting competition, cultural connection, and vibrant bowls action. Don't miss this unique celebration of the Oceania region both on and off the green.

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Bowls North Harbour UMPIRES NEEDED

What better time, what better way, to evaluate your knowledge of the game and your experience, than qualifying as an umpire.

An Umpires Training Course starts Tuesday 22nd September 2026, 6pm at Mairangi Bay Bowling Club for 6 weeks.

At the end of course you will sit the Level one exam! Bring your dinner along with Pen and Paper.

To register for this course, contact Sheryl Wellington 027 299 0060
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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

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