

THE BEE HIVE BUZZ

Weekly newsletter of the Birkenhead Bowling Club



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#128 Wednesday, 9 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 currently closed for winter maintenance.

The B Green will open for practice and roll-up's after our opening day on Saturday 19th.

What's on in the Club:

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

Wednesday 9 September - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

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

Thursday 10 September - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

7pm Believe it or Not Quiz Night. Free to Enter.

Friday 11 September - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

Club night. Joker, Membership draw, Meat raffles

Saturday 12 September - Bar Open 1pm - 7pm

9am WORKING BEE See Page 2 for more details

6pm - 11pm Corporate Function in upstairs bar area.

6pm Warriors v. Dolphins live from Go Media Stadium Mt. Smart.

Come and watch the Warriors game on the large TV in the downstairs bar - all welcome.

Sunday 13 September - Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

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

Monday 14 September - Bar Open 3pm - 6pm.

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Tuesday 15 September - Bar Open 3pm - 6pm

2pm Line Dancing.

Wednesday 16 September - Bar Open 3pm - 9pm

0930 Wednesday Triples (OACT - Mufti) on the B Green. BYO lunch.

Play on the B Green on Wednesday 16th is to allow us to take part in the regular monthly Wednesday Triples Tournaments. Sorry, the B Green will still not be available for any regular practice until after our opening on Saturday 19th.



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 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.

WORKING BEE!

It's that time again where we want to give the A and B Green surrounds a good clean up in preparation for the new season's play.

The artificial turf surrounds have collected their usual share of grime and moss and need water blasting. The ditches need a clean out and the great crop of weeds pulled and removed.

There are a number of other small jobs to be done so your help is needed. From 9am this Saturday - please come along and help out for as long as you can.

A GREEN

The A Green has had a number of bare patches roughened up and re-sown, mainly around the edges. The re-sown patches are covered with scrim and the water sprinkler timings have been changed to keep the newly-sown areas damp.

Please keep off the A Green so it can recover in time for our big tournaments. No play on the A Green until Labour weekend.



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 now complete, and the Club is again open 7 days with reduced hours on Monday's and Tuesday's until our bowling season gets fully underway. 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. Reminder invoices are being sent out to those of you who have not yet paid.



Second Thursday in the month - Quiz



7pm Start

Free to Enter

Non-members welcome

**THURSDAY NIGHT
IS QUIZ NIGHT**

Quiz Partners:

Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead,
Tim Roskrige & Bill Hansen

Enter on the night



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.



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 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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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.



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
sherylwellington60@gmail.com

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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