



NEWSLETTER

September 2025

Welcome to your September newsletter.

Introducing your coaches and selectors for the upcoming year



Keith Lineham (selector), Bruno Barnetta (coach/selector), Peter Joyce (coach),
Mona Guttenbeil (coach/selector), Sue Wightman (coach/selector)

How it works: Our coaches will be giving training to those who sign up and decide to give bowls a go, this comprises of 8 weeks, once a week, to help get newcomers started.

For those in other years who feel they need some assistance please feel free to approach one of our coaches as they would be only too happy to help get you sorted.

What's your committee up to

Here's a quick update on some of the key areas your committee has been working on:

- Bowls+ – Christine and Lorraine are set up as administrators so we can record Club Championship results in the national Bowls+ system.
- Coaching – The Have a Go Day was held on Saturday 23rd August and there were 10 interested bowlers. Coaching for new players starts on Tuesday 9th September at 4pm.
- Constitution – The clauses to finalise our constitution to meet the Incorporated Society Act 2022 have been done and approved by Bowls Northland. We will be sending information out shortly regarding the SGM needed to pass these.
- Finance – Liz and Sue have been working on a comprehensive budget for the year ahead.
- Green "C" – A subcommittee has been formed, made up of two members from the Mangawhai Bowls committee and two members from the Mangawhai Club committee, to explore options for the green.
- Health & Safety – Jill has reviewed requirements with Sport NZ. Work is underway on a new member pack and induction process
- Match Committee – Plenty going on. Open day took place on Wednesday 3rd September and it was a great day. Members who have paid their subs should have received their programme book and Northland book. If not, please contact Liz or Jill.
- Member Liaison – Jill is keeping an eye on member wellbeing, reaching out to new bowlers and those we haven't seen on the greens for a while.
- Sponsorship – We have secured sponsorship for several tournaments, and the subcommittee will continue to work to secure further funding.
- Website & Newsletter – Our website updates are continuing. Thanks Jo and Eric.

Congratulations

We are so proud of Lee Warburton and Chris Gore for their amazing effort in the Champ of Champ men's pairs held in August. They got to the semi-finals so third equal in the country. Well done guys!

Northland Prizegiving

Northland prizegiving was held the other week and we would like to give a shout out to those from our Club that achieved success.

Shane Wintle Winner of Centre First Year Championship Singles

Pauline Boddy Winner of Centre First Year Championship Singles

Kayleigh Summers Runner Up of Centre First Year Championship Singles

Lee Warburton & Chris Gore Winners of Northland Champ of Champ Pairs

W. Sarjeant, S Wightman, C Lineham - Runners Up Centre Open Championship Triples

M. Guttenbiel, S. Wightman, Val Tapp & Ally Connery - Runners Up Champ of Champ Fours

1st Pennants Men 2024 / 25 - Paul Wightman, Neville Franks & Ron Heaton

Runners Up Centre Pennants Women - Mangawhai Blue - S Wightman, K Wintle, V Tapp

Interclub 7's Women Runners Up - Wendy Sarjeant, Mona Guttenbiel, Sue Wightman, Kris Wintle, Lyn Wintle, Christine Lineham & Carol Stebben

Opening Day

Wednesday 3rd September saw a great turnout for our opening day.

We wish everyone success and good days for the upcoming season.



Upcoming Events for September

Wed 10 Monkey in the Middle

Sat 13 Placemakers Centre Mixed pairs

Sun 14 Placemakers Centre Mixed pairs

Sun 14 Club Day – 12 noon

Wed 17 Wednesday Club Day - **New Format**

Morning session Report 9am – 12pm 3 games

Afternoon session Report 12noon – 2.15pm 2 games

Sun 21 Club Day – 12noon

Wed 24 Yovich & Co AC triples – names on the board

Thur 25 Heatley Maungaturoto AC Fours – Enter direct

Sat 27 Club Champ Mixed Pairs

Sun 28 Club Champ Mixed Pairs

Subscriptions reminder

Subscriptions for the 2025/2026 season are \$100 for Full members and \$40 for Limited members.

Payment of subscriptions is required to receive the Bowling programme. Please contact Liz for details of how to pay if you are unsure. Email: bowlstreasure@gmail.com

Special General Meeting to be held

Save the date: Wednesday 15th October 3:30p.m

Meeting to start at 4p.m

We need to vote to approve the Constitution changes that Rob and Christine have been working so hard on finalising – thanks for all your hard work guys!

Bowls Northland wish to confirm the new Board, Operations committee, and HP panel for the 2025-2026 year.

Bowls Northland Board

Leigh Ogier	Kensington	Chair / President
Neville Rodgers	Maungakarama	Operations Committee
Errol Conaghan	Kamo	
Terri Beazley	Dargaville	Finance committee
Maureen Parker	Kensington	Finance committee, Umpire Chair
Mark Geaney	Hikurangi	Finance committee

Operations Committee

Errol Conaghan	Kamo	Board representative, Umpire appointments
Pat Warth	Kensington	Bowls Hub and Club entries
Ann Muir	Kensington	Draws and Conditions of play
Warwick Catchpole	Mangawhai	Venues
Angela Moon	One Tree Point	Draws and Conditions of play

High Performance Panel

Paul Price	Kamo
Ann Muir	Kensington
Patricia Murray	Kensington

Drill of the Month

For those keen players looking to improve and wondering what do for practice each month I will feature a particular drill. I will be asking different personalities from our Club.

This month please welcome... Sue Wightman

Grouping

No jack required

Bowl your first bowl which becomes your jack.

The next 3 bowls are bowled to the first bowl. Vary mat and bowl length.

Ensure you play using both forehand and backhand.

This is a good exercise to gain confidence in establishing line and length – the basis of the game.

Thanks so much Sue!

FYI

Sunday 21st September from 9.30a.m Mangawhai will be hosting the final rep trials event for junior players.

Good luck to all our juniors trying out for the Northland team!!

Sponsor of the Month

Highlighting Yovich & Co Wealth Management who are proud sponsors of Northland Bowls and the Yovich & Co Wealth Management A/C Triple Series. Our tournament is being held on Wednesday 24th September. We would like as many members to enter to support this fantastic sponsor and to support the other 15 clubs who are part of this series.

If you are interested in growing your capital and income with investment advice you can trust please contact them <https://www.yovich.co.nz/>

Logo

As you will see we are trying a new look. Mangawhai meaning “stream of the Stingray”. Thanks so much to Geoff and his wife for their help.

Calling for Volunteers – Can You Help?

We’re always looking to build a strong team of volunteers to support the club throughout the year. If you have any skills that might be useful—such as marketing, IT, trade skills, or anything else—please let us know. We’d love to hear from you!

We also regularly need help in the kitchen, and we're hoping to create a pool of people we can call on from time to time. It doesn't have to be a big commitment—even helping out once every couple of months would make a real difference.

If you're willing to lend a hand or want to know more, please get in touch!

Buy, Sell, Give away

Any bowling related items you would like to buy, sell or give away please let us know and we will put it on here.

Contact: thebowlingsecretary@gmail.com

Heavenly Bowls

Pat asked his Church to check if they played bowls in Heaven.

After a week the Priest approached Pat with the answer.

He said, "I have good news and bad news".

Pat said, "Tell me the good news first".

The Priest said, "The good news is that they do play bowls in Heaven".

"What's the bad news ?", said Pat.

The Priest said, "Well Pat, the word is out that your name is down for the pairs next Saturday".

Great bowling everyone!

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