



NEWSLETTER

December 2025/January 2026

Welcome to your December/January newsletter,
It's fairly decent so go grab a cup of tea and settle in.

What's your committee up to

Affiliation Fees: Great news! Our submission to Bowls NZ was successful, and a 30% reduction has been applied to our 2025 affiliation fees, with the new level set going forward.

Club Championship Fours: Many thanks to our Match Committee for running the Club Champ Fours so smoothly, and to Eric for showing the draw on the TV—a fantastic improvement! Change can sometimes be challenging, but our goal is always to make the Club Champs better for everyone. Some improvements hit the mark straight away, others take a little fine-tuning, and the team handled everything with skill and professionalism.

Thank You: November has been a busy month, and we truly appreciate all members and volunteers for their support and dedication.

Season's Greetings: The committee wishes you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. Thank you for being part of our Club, and we look forward to a successful finish to the season!

Thanks
Christine

Congratulations and who's been doing what?

Club Champ Pairs (Nov 8th – 9th)



Runners Up:
Jo & Tina



Winners:
Christine & Wendy



Runners Up:
Wog & Charlie



Winners:
Ken & Dave

Northland vs Far North - Bringing Home the Trophy for Northland - whoop, whoop!

Always a battle, the competition was a combined effort of the Premier, Development and Junior rep players games throughout the 2 days. Northland held up to bring away the win.

Premier 1 & Development Reps vs Far North (Nov 15th)

Representatives from our Club included:

Premiers: Women - Sue Wightman, Wendy Sarjeant, Christine Lineham

Men - Lee Warburton

Development (up to 10yr):

Women – Ally Connery, Val Tapp, Fran Waterhouse

Men – Warwick Catchpole

1-5yr Reps vs Far North (Nov 16th)

Representatives from our Club included:

Women – Liz West, Lorraine Davies, Jo Johnson, Marie Reid, Kaleigh Summers

Men – Rob Webber, Shane Wintle

Premier & Development Squad



Junior 1-5 Representatives



Club Champ Fours (Nov 29th & 30th)



Men's Winners: Charlie Shepherd, Keith Blinkow, Warwick Catchpole & Paul Wightman



Runners Up: Keith Linham, John Dawson, Alf Smith & Rob Webber



Women's Winners: Kris Wintle, Cherry Wintle, Stella Rogers & Lyn Wintle



Runners Up: Ally Connery, Val Tapp, Sue Wightman & Mona Guttenbeil

Mangawhai Women's Classic 4's (Dec 3rd & 4th)

Oh wow. What a fantastic couple of days. We had every kind of weather thrown at us as well.

What's a little thunder and lightning... through it all we only had 1 game called off. Plenty more time for the raffles, drinks and nibbles.



Winners - Mangawhai



2nd - Manly



3rd - Arapohue



4th - Carlton Cornwall/Far North composite



5th - Warkworth



6th - Ruawai/Mangawhai composite

Quiz winners



Wednesday night entertainment by Neil Reid and Les – fabulous.



'You Travel' Hams and Lambs Triples – drawn (Dec 10th)

A very special thank you to Michelle from You Travel, Warkworth.

Feel like a holiday where it's all taken care of? Here are some testimonials from some of our bowlers:



6 Baxter Street, Warkworth 09 425 7989

We have used You Travel Warkworth for our last 3 major trips. Africa via Dubai, South Island and California/Las Vegas. Ana, at You Travel Warkworth has looked after us extremely well right from the beginning. She got to know both of us well so she could plan our trips with our likes and dislikes. I just tell her where we want to go and very efficiently an email comes with our flights, agenda and accommodation for us to make any changes. Easy! The backup service has been excellent. One occasion, with the time difference - no problem, any time, Ana was available on the other end of the phone to sort things out.

Happy, Confident travelling...
Christine McIntyre



My sister Lyn and I had an amazing 3-week trip to Vietnam and Cambodia with You Travel. We loved the fact that everything was paid for up front. We were in a group of 27 and made some wonderful friends having already caught up with one in Cambridge. Michelle and her team did an amazing job with our itinerary and Mya and Kerre our team leaders on tour were very caring and friendly. We will definitely use them again in the future...
Kris Wintle

Better not forget the Tournament results...



Winners: Keith Lineham, Jeanette Vickers, Keith Blinkow



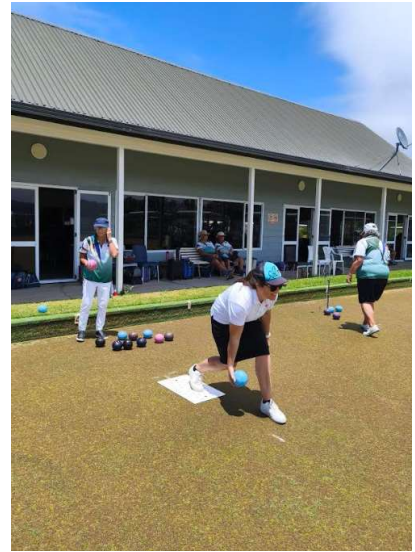
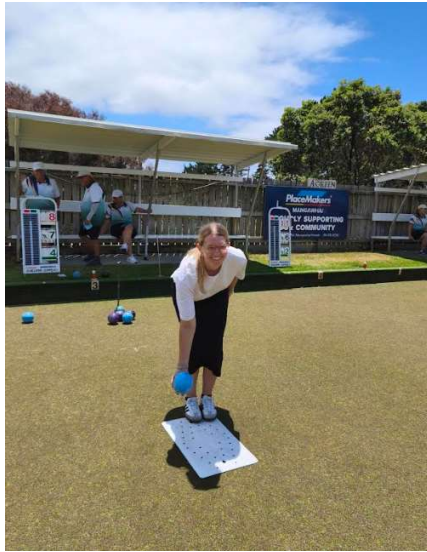
2nd Place: Rob Webber, Wog Wintle, Zach Robertson



3rd Place: Mya (You Travel), Sue Belin, Bruno Barnetta



4th Place: Pauline Boddy, Paul Freeman, Jo Johnson



You Travel staff – Kerrie, Mya and Megan

Northland Placemakers Centre Pairs

The final came down to 2 Mangawhai teams – we are so proud of our ladies keeping the Mangawhai Club colours flying. After 2 days it came to a showdown between Sue Wightman and Ally Connery vs Christine Lineham and Wendy Sarjeant.

Winners: Sue & Ally



Centre Interclub Sevens (Dec 13th & 14th)

Our Mangawhai Ladies have certainly done us proud. 2 long days of battling it out to become our Centre winners. AWESOME!! They will be off to Wellington in April to represent us at National level.



Singles: Ally Connery

Pairs: Wendy Serjeant & Christine Lineham

Fours: Sue Wightman, Carol Stebben, Lyn Wintle & Kris Wintle.

Business House bowls Tuesday tournament.

As you may or may not know this very popular and successful tournament is run by our bowling Club. This year Christine and Keith Lineham have the helm. Here's a roundup from Christine - Tuesday 9th December marked the final night of Business House Bowls for 2025, rounding off a very successful season. Although we lost two evenings to rain, the enthusiasm on the greens never wavered, and the competition remained as lively as ever.

A big thank you to our sponsor, Bears Maintenance – Building & Property Maintenance Specialists, for their ongoing support of this popular event.

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Congratulations to our overall winners, **Tyre Surgeons**, who went unbeaten with six wins from six—a fantastic achievement.

With a full field of 48 teams, this year's Business House Bowls created a wonderful atmosphere and plenty of enjoyment for players and spectators alike. This year, the change from including dinner to running a BBQ has been very successful, allowing the club to raise more funds than in previous years.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped each week—from preparing the greens and organising teams to running the BBQ, raffles, and all the behind-the-scenes tasks that make nights like these possible. Your efforts are very much appreciated and are a big part of why this event continues to thrive.



Twilight Bowls (Thursdays)

Twilight is very generously sponsored by All Aspects Construction Ltd.

The last event for this year was held on Thursday 27th. Twilight will resume next year on the 22nd of January.

Below are your results to date.

Team Name	Total Points After 7 rounds	Points Scored for	Points Scored Against
Alf Smith	53.5	159	110
Keith Lineham	50.5	168	97
Lynette White	46	142	135
Mona Guttenbeil	43	199	120
Jan Hollingsworth	41.5	144	140
Ken McLeod	40	141	122
Leigh Hunt	40	135	139
Grant Moffitt	36.5	121	73
Geoff Wheeler	35.5	116	136
Dave Frame	33	138	136
Christine Lineham	27	83	112
Zac Robertson	24	77	129
Val Tapp	23.5	109	147
Harry Foote	22	109	184

Winner of the “Spot the Stingray” comp in last month’s Newsletter

... Keith Lineham – congratulations a spray chalk is coming your way!

I know it may not have been what you were expecting but I couldn’t make it too easy. 😊



Spot the Stingray... I’m doing it again... Yes – the little guy is hand drawn and could be any colour... Winner will receive a chalk spray. Reply to this email with your answer to go in the draw – good luck. The winner will be announced in February’s Newsletter.

Upcoming Events for December/January

Dec	
Wed 17 th	Ho Ho Ho Xmas Tournament (Drawn) - DRESS UP
Thur 25 th	Christmas Day
Fri 26 th	Boxing Day
Sat 27 th	Mangawhai Junior Classic AC Fours
Sun 28 th	Mangawhai Club Social Day (Non bowlers)
Jan	
Thur 1 st	New Year’s Day
Sun 4 th	Club Day
Wed 7 th	Ray White 2X4X2 Mixed pairs (PYOP)
Sat 10 th	Club Champ Women’s Singles
Sun 11 th	Club Champ Women’s Singles
Wed 14 th	Bygraves Leads and Twos Singles – Men’s & Women’s
Sat 17 th	Reserve Day Club Champs
Sun 18 th	Women’s Premier Reps 1 & 2 vs Far North, TBC, Counties @ Mangawhai
Mon 19 th	Taranaki Men’s Open Fours (Jan 19-25)
Wed 21 st	Skips & Threes Singles – Men & Women
Thur 22 nd	Twilight Bowls
Sat 24 th	Centre 1-5 Inter Club 6’s
Sat 24 th	100 Up – Men & Women
Sun 25 th	100 Up – Men & Women
Mon 26 th	Men’s Premier 1 & 2 vs Far North (BNL)
Mon 26 th	Northland Anniversary Day
Tue 27 th	Taranaki Women’s Open Fours (Jan 27 th – Feb 1 st)
Wed 28 th	Four Square Mangawhai Heads AC Triples (PYOP)
Thur 29 th	Twilight Bowls
Sat 31 st	Club Champ Men’s Singles
Feb	
Sun 1 st	Club Champ Men’s Singles
Tue 3 rd	Business house Bowls
Wed 4 th	Club Day
Thu 5 th	Twilight Bowls

How to enter: Put name on entry form on bowls notice board OR message Val 021 120 6663
Name must be in 4pm prior to comp OR for Club Champs 4pm Thursday prior.

Welcome to new and returning members

Adrienne Hilt
Wendy Meelker
Monique Everitt

Drill of the Month

Wanting to get a break from family/in-laws... and want to practice some solo drills here's a few:

Four-Bowl Cluster for consistency: Deliver four bowls aiming to get them as close as possible to each other, building muscle memory for consistent weight and line without needing a jack.

Line Drill for accuracy: Place two markers (discs, cones, jacks) about 10cm apart on your line; bowl between them, moving up the green to improve accuracy.

Hidden Jack for drawing confidence: Use a spare bowl, place it in front of the jack, to hide it to develop confidence in drawing to unseen targets.

Drive/Draw Combo for practicing weighted shots: Alternate between driving to hit a target and drawing to the jack, to simulate game scenarios.

Want to give back and help your bowling community?

We're always looking to build a strong team of volunteers to support the club throughout the year.

We'd love to hear from you!

Contact: Jill 022 414 0073

Bowls Supplies

In case you didn't know we stock Grippo and spray chalk for all those touchers.

These are for sale at Club days & match days - see Jill or another member who has a key to the bowling shed.

		
\$15	\$11	\$18

How was your game?...

"How was your bowling game, dear?" asked Jack's wife Tracy.

"Well, I was bowling well but my eyesight's gotten so bad I couldn't see where the bowl went."

"But you're seventy-five years old Jack" admonished his wife, "Why don't you take my brother Scott along?"

"But he's eighty-five and doesn't even bowl anymore," protested Jack.

"But he's got perfect eyesight. He could watch your bowl," Tracy pointed out.

The next day Jack bowled with Scott looking on. Jack bowled to a long jack.

"Do you see it?" asked Jack.

"Yes," Scott answered. "Well, where is it?" yelled Jack, peering up the green.

"I forgot."

Have a lovely Xmas and New Year!

Great bowling everyone!

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