



# February 2026

Welcome to your February newsletter. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year. I apologise for the lateness of this newsletter, sometimes life gets busy. Good news, there will be another newsletter out very shortly.

## What's your committee up to

A word from our President...

### Welcome to 2026!

December and January have flown by and it's fair to say it's been a busy and exciting start to the year for Mangawhai Bows.

All our Club Championships have now been completed, except for a few junior events still to come. Our Club Champs winners will be representing Mangawhai in the Northland Champion of Champions events being held in March – we wish them all the very best.

We've also had some fantastic results to celebrate. One of our junior teams took out the Junior Sixes on 24 January, earning themselves a spot in the Mercedes Cup in May – a great achievement. As mentioned in our December newsletter, our women's Interclub Sevens team will also be heading to Wellington in April. We're incredibly proud of everyone who puts on the Mangawhai colours, no matter the level or format.

You may have heard that we have a new uniform supplier. Our previous supplier, Sport Club, went into liquidation, and we are very grateful to Dynasty Sport for stepping in and picking up an order that had already been placed. Dynasty Sport is a proud sponsor of Bows NZ, and we're currently working with them on the design of new club jackets – more to come on that soon.

Business House Bows is back underway and once again it's proving to be a huge event for the Club, the Club kitchen, and the Bowling Club, with an impressive 46 teams entered. Tuesday nights are busy and buzzing, and any help members can offer is always very much appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who continues to support the club – it's shaping up to be a great year ahead.

Thanks  
Christine

## Congratulations and who's done what in December and January!

### Ho Ho Ho Xmas tournament (Dec 17<sup>th</sup>)



Winners: Womble, Sue Belin & Grant Moffitt



Runners Up: Makita Kaye, Alf Smith & Lorraine Davies



Third: Pauline Boddy & Christine Lineham

## Mangawhai Junior Classic AC Fours (Dec 27<sup>th</sup>)

Juniors from all over Northland joined this competition. Sponsored by Barfoot & Thompson and The Mangawhai Club.



We had several Mangawhai teams taking part.



2<sup>nd</sup> Prize taken out by one of our teams – yay!

Geoff Wheeler, Womble, Jane Stretton (Mrs Womble) & Jo Johnson with our sponsor Simon

## Ray White 2x4x2 Mixed Pairs (January 7<sup>th</sup>)

Thanks to our sponsors Stewart & Kaye from Ray White



Winners: Ally Connery & Winny



Runners Up: Kris & Shane Wintle



3<sup>rd</sup>: Diane Klomp & Sam Nelson



4<sup>th</sup>: Lyn & Glen Wintle



Lucky Draw: Denis White & Jeanette Vickers

## Keeping Mangawhai on the minds of other Clubs

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of December Wendy Sarjeant and Kiwi entered the JB Open tournament in Auckland. They got Runners Up in Division 4 of the competition – wahoo! Fantastic!



## Club Champ Women's Singles (January 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>)



The final came down to these 2 awesome players.

Winner: Wendy Sarjeant

Runner Up: Ally Connery

## Bygraves Leads & Twos Singles (January 14<sup>th</sup>)

Oh, how the weather can change from one day to the next. Under trying conditions as seen in the photos they still managed to complete the competition on the day.



Men

Winner: Gordon Perry

Runner Up: Eric Backhouse



Women

Winner: Liz West

Runner Up: Denise West

## Skips & Threes Singles (January 21<sup>st</sup>)

FYI if you have ever won the Leads & Twos, you are no longer eligible to enter.

You can however enter the next level up and play against the Skips & Threes even though you are still graded as a Lead or Two.

Men

Winner: Rob  
Webber

Runner Up:  
Keith Lineham



Women

Winner: Sue  
Belin

Runner Up:  
Lynette White



## Centre 1-5 Interclub Sixes (24 January)



The Club put forward 2 teams of 6. The Stingers and the Rays. The competition involves a team of 6 playing – singles, pairs and triples playing off against other Clubs in Northland – Kamo, Hikurangi, Kensington/Whangarei, Maungakaramaea.

We are excited to say that our Stingers team won!! They now go on to represent Northland in the Mercedes Cup on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Winning Team: Singles: Shane Wintle, Pairs: Jo Johnson & Geoff Wheeler, Triples: Lorraine Davies, Liz West & Rob Webber.

## 100 Up (January 25<sup>th</sup>)



Ladies

Winner: Lorraine Davies  
Runner Up: Lynette White



Men

Winner: Laurance James  
Runner Up: Glen Wintle

## Taranaki Fours Competition

Huge congratulations to Christine Lineham and Wendy Sarjeant for being part of the team that **WON** the Taranaki Women's Fours competition. Held over 6 days and played on greens around Taranaki with 82 teams entered from all over the country. What an amazing accomplishment – we are so proud. It put Mangawhai on the map!

Angela (OTP & Kensington) 2<sup>nd</sup>, Christine (lead), Wendy (skip) and Diane 3<sup>rd</sup> (Maramanui & Kensington).



## Four Square Mangawhai Heads AC Triples (January 28<sup>th</sup>)

Thanks so much to our Sponsor Hamish from Four Square Mangawhai Heads



Winners from Warkworth:  
Francois Loubser, Steve Saric & Guy Robson



2<sup>nd</sup>: Carol and Alan Stebben & Paul Wightman



3<sup>rd</sup>: Dippy Darwent, Gran Moffitt & Alf Smith

## Club Champ Men's Singles (January 31<sup>st</sup>/Feb 1<sup>st</sup>)



Great competition from all but came down to these 2.

Winner: Glen Wintle

Runner Up: Paul Wightman

## Coming Up & something to watch out for

**28<sup>th</sup> March (Sat):** Yovich Wealth Management AC Triples Series.

This competition began on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. All winners qualify to play in the final. This will be hosted by the Whangarei Club on the 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Excited to say we have Keith Lineham, Lorraine Davies & Rob Webber as qualifiers.

Good luck guys – go Mangawhai!!

Anyone wanting to support our guys playing in Whangarei I'm sure it will be well worth it. Top bowlers from all over Northland will be competing in the final.



**1<sup>st</sup> March (Sun):** Champ of Champ Fours (Men/Women) – Good luck to our players!

Women – played in Onerahi    Men – played in Whangarei

## Save the Date

March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Details coming via email soon re a fundraiser for our amazing lady's sevens team.

## Twilight Bowls (Thursdays)

Running Total	Total Points After 9 Rounds	Points Scored for	Points Scored Against
Alf Smith	67.5	211	143
Keith Lineham	60	199	132
Lynette White	57	180	173
Ken McLeod	55.5	184	154
Mona Guttenbeil	52.5	234	158
Dave Frame	50	182	166
Leigh Hunt	48	188	199
Christine Lineham	39.5	111	136
Zac Robertson	30.5	109	162
Val Tapp	30	139	190
Harry Foote	22	109	184
The Fill Ins (started in 2nd part of season)	14	43	40
Jill Aitcheson (started in 2nd part of season)	8	27	49

## Spot the Stingray

Every Newsletter I will be hiding a stingray somewhere in the Newsletter. Send in your answer and you will go in the draw to win a chalk spray 😊

Send your answer to [thebowlingsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:thebowlingsecretary@gmail.com)

All entries will go into a draw, and the winner will be announced in the following month's Newsletter.

**Last month's winner: Congratulations-** Di Robinson

## Welcome to new and returning members

Karl Mulder

## Upcoming Events for February

Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Business House
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Club Day Morning session 9a.m – 12pm, Afternoon Session 12.30pm to 3.30pm \$5 per session
Thur 26 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight Bowls Report 5pm
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Open Two Bowl Triples tournament – Men on one green Ladies on the other
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Champ of Champ Fours (Men/Women)
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Club Day report at 12noon for 12.30pm start (\$5 per player)

NB: To enter - entry form lists are on the bowls notice board. Put your name in by 4p.m the night prior to the competition OR message Val 021 120 6663 except for Club Champs which need to be in 4pm Thursday prior.

## Drill of the Month

# Improve Your Draw Shot

### Approved drills!

- ### 1. The Four-Corner Drill

Place targets (or Purposeful Practice Targets) in all four corners of a rink. Deliver alternating forehand/backhand draw shots to each corner.

Builds:

  - ✓ Line adjustment
  - ✓ Weight control
  - ✓ Pre-shot routine discipline
- ### 2. The Mat Length Challenge

Set targets one mat length from the jack. Try to finish your bowl between the jack and the target.

Builds:

  - ✓ Touch
  - ✓ Control under pressure
- ### 3. The Jack High Ladder

Move the jack in 1-metre intervals and draw to each position.

Builds:

  - ✓ Adaptability
  - ✓ Green reading
  - ✓ Weight variation
- ### 4. The Consecutive Draw Challenge

Goal: draw 10 bowls within a defined scoring zone. Every bowl that lands inside the zone = 1 point. Record your progress over time.

Builds:

  - ✓ Consistency
  - ✓ Feedback awareness
  - ✓ Performance mindset

## Want to meet nice people while helping?

We always looking to find people who are willing to lend a hand at events.  
Please get in touch! 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



Great bowling everyone!

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