



## March 2026

Welcome to your March newsletter. Lots of things happening and a busy bowling time for some.

### **What's your committee up to**

A word from our President...

It's been another busy month for the committee.

Our regular weekly events are starting to wrap up, with Twilight Bowls finishing this week and Business House Bowls ending on 24 March. Both competitions have been very well supported again this year. A big thank you to everyone who helps organise these events and to the members who lend a hand on the nights.

Behind the scenes the committee has also been working on a few projects. The new club jacket design has now been finalised, and we expect these to arrive in early May. Once they arrive, members will be able to place orders if they would like one.

You may also have noticed our new pull-up banner, which we'll be using when taking photos and promoting Mangawhai Bowls at events.

As always, thank you to everyone who contributes their time and energy to the club. Your support makes a big difference and helps keep everything running smoothly.

Thanks  
Christine

### **Congratulations and who's done what in the month of February and start of March!**

#### **Club Champ Junior Pairs (February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>)**

All our competitors...



Ladies' final  
between:

Liz West &  
Lorraine Davies vs  
Jo Johnson & Jane  
Stretton

Winners: Jo & Jane



Men's final  
between:

Zach Robertson &  
Shane Wintle vs  
Geoff Wood &  
Gordon Perry

Winners: Gordon  
& Geoff



## **Bowls Northland Premier and Development squads faced off in an octagonal challenge held in Auckland (February 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>)**

This had teams from Far North, Northland, Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Counties Manukau, North Harbour, Thames Valley and Waikato.

From our Club representing Northland:

Premiers: Women - Sue Wightman, Christine Lineham and Wendy Sarjeant.  
Men – Lee Warburton.

Development: Women – Ally Connery.  
Men – Warwick Catchpole.

## **Placemakers Centre 1<sup>st</sup> Years Singles (February 15<sup>th</sup>)**

Played at our Club here in Mangawhai. Thanks to those members who helped as markers on the day. Great to see our up-and-coming bowlers. Keep at it 😊

## **NZ Charter Clubs (Men) (February 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>)**

Held in Whanganui we had a couple of teams entered.

Keith Lineham, Alf Smith, John Dawson & John Parker.

Wog played with Donny Cameron and 2 Whanganui players who are also Mangawhai club members.

They did well and made it to the top 4 in the plate division. Cheers guys!

## Gran Wintle Pairs (Women) (February 18<sup>th</sup>)

The Gran Wintle competition – part of our club calendar for over 28 years honouring the memory of Gran Wintle.



Winners:  
Lynette White & Briar  
McCallum

Runners Up:  
Sue Epsom & Lorraine  
Davies



## Club Champ Junior Singles (February 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>)



**Come join us - Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> 4:30p.m.**

We couldn't finish the event at the time so the final will be played on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 4.30p.m at the Club.

Lorraine Davies vs Marie Reid.

Rob Webber vs Shane Wintle.

We hope you come join us and watch our up-and-coming juniors show you their stuff.

Good luck guys!!

## Sponsored Triples (February 28<sup>th</sup>)

Women



1<sup>st</sup>: Kensington  
Maureen Parker, Helen  
Blackman & Angela Moon



2<sup>nd</sup>: Mangawhai  
Mona Guttenbeil, Val Tapp & Briar  
McCallum



3<sup>rd</sup>: Kensington  
Diane Strawbridge, Karina  
Cooper & Vicki Plaisted

## Men



1<sup>st</sup>: Kamo  
Mark Turton, Alistair Trimmer &  
Jahrome Mocaraka



2<sup>nd</sup>: Mangawhai  
Dave Frame, Ken McLeod &  
Grant Moffitt



3<sup>rd</sup>: Mangawhai  
Glen Wintle, Shane Wintle &  
Charlie Shepherd

## Champ of Champ Fours (March 1<sup>st</sup>)

Our ladies Fours team certainly did us proud.  
They came runners up in the Champ of Champs.  
Lyn Wintle, Stella Rogers, Denise West & Kris Wintle.  
Well done ladies!



## Green Keepers Tournament (March 4<sup>th</sup>)



This was held in Maungatapere.  
Mangawhai was represented by Ken McLeod,  
Colin Neal, Steve Cameron & Dave Frame.  
Overall, they came 3<sup>rd</sup>  
AND... being the first team with a Green Keeper  
they were presented with the Green Keepers  
Cup – awesome!  
Love it x

## Placemakers Mangawhai Open Mixed Triples (March 7<sup>th</sup>)

1<sup>st</sup>: Briar McCallum, Bruno Barnetta & Val Tapp

2<sup>nd</sup>: Christine Lineham, Kiwi & Wendy Sarjeant

3<sup>rd</sup>: Ken McLeod, Dave Frame & Grant Moffitt.



## Coopers Beach

A 3-day tournament held up North at (you guessed it) Coopers Beach.

A lot of laughs and fun was had with all the players and guests enjoying great hospitality and friendship.



Congratulations - Paul & Sue Wightman , Marie Reid & Bruno Barnetta who came runners up in the top section.

Also, Liz, Val, Ron & Briar won the consolation cup. Go Mangawhai!!

## Life Membership Recognised

We had a lovely afternoon tea to recognise Allan Stebben joining the ranks of our life members.

Congratulations Allan 😊

Approved at the AGM we were just waiting on the arrival of the new badge.



Allan Stebben



Colin (Wog) Wintle, Allan Stebben, Kris Wintle, Sue Wightman, Len Lawrence (Patron) & Paul Freeman.

## Fundraising for our Women's 7's team going to Wellington



The team is Sue Wightman, Wendy Sarjeant, Christine Lineham, Carol Stebben, Kris Wintle, Lyn Wintle and Ally Connery.

The team plays as a four, a pair and a single. The event is held over several days, at venues around Wellington.

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - You will have received an email with all the info on it. Come join in for a fun day of Bowls. Whether you want to play or help it would be gratefully received. Maybe make some goods for the produce table which will have items for sale on the day (jams, pickles, baking). Bring a donation for raffles or prizes – all gratefully received.

## 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.

**February winner: Congratulations-** Briar McCallum

## Upcoming Events for March

Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Club Day – Morning session 9-12; Afternoon session 12.30-3.30 Cost \$5
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	Twilight – Final night
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Singles Final – 4.30p.m - come watch
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Champ of Champ Triples – played here in Mangawhai – Come watch 😊
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Champ of Champ Mixed Pairs – played in Ngunguru (Ally & Rob)
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Women's 7's Fundraiser
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Business House (final night)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	Club Day – Morning session 9-12; Afternoon session 12.30-3.30 Cost \$5
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Champ of Champ Singles – Men in Waipu (Glen). Women in Onerahi (Wendy).
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Yovich Series Final – played in Whangarei (Keith, Rob & Lorraine)
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Champ of Champ Pairs – played in Mangawhai.

NB: If you are looking to enter a competition entry form lists are on the bowls notice board. You must 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.

## Witness an Accident on the Greens?

Just letting you know we have gel packs available in the freezer in our kitchen. Please feel free to access these if needed. Please ensure they are also returned.



And if it's really bad and you need a camp bed... this lives in the Housie cupboard.



## For Sale

Bowls: Taylor, Redliner SR, Size 2. \$740

As new. Lent to English team in Australian Ladies Champs, unsure if they got used at all. Still in box with warranty card. Contact Di 021 149 6086



## Bowls Hub

We encourage everyone to get a bowls hub number. You require a number to enter any centre competition.

Go to <https://bowlshub.co.nz/signup>

You will also be needing a number for results from Club Champs to be entered into the system.

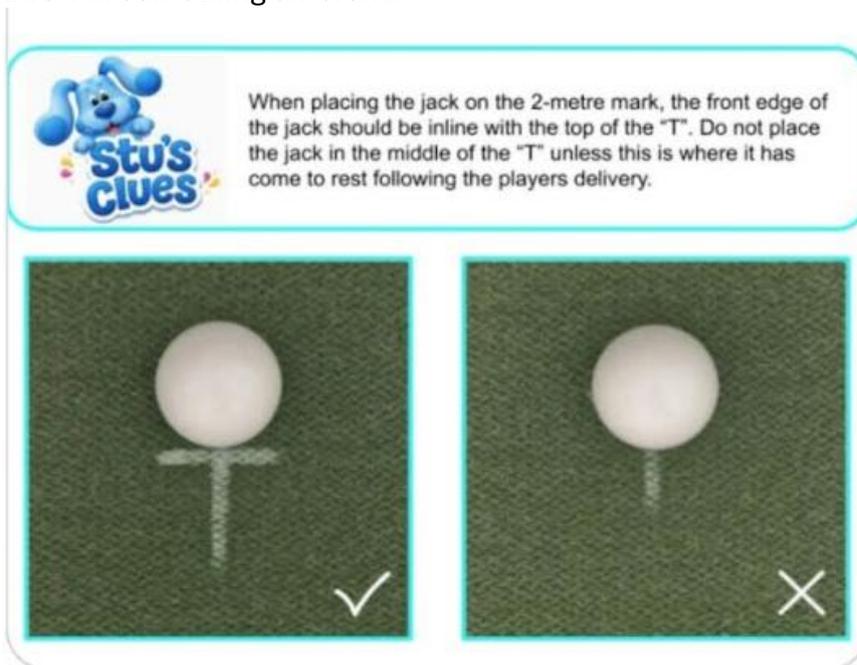
## Bored? Want to meet nice people while helping?

Always looking to find people who are willing to lend a hand at events. Please get in touch!  
Contact: Jill 022 414 0073

## Reminder of the Month

Isn't Facebook great (or scary) - I started looking at bowling Clubs - now I get so many random things related to bowling.

I did like Blues Clues when my kids were growing up so this took my fancy. I know(hope) you all know this but thought I'd throw in something different.



## Please keep our Greens awesome

Just a friendly reminder that eating and drinking on the greens is not permitted.

To help protect and maintain the quality of our playing surfaces, we ask that all food and beverages are kept off the greens at all times.

Keen for a bite or a bevvvy? Please simply step off the greens.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our greens in great condition for everyone

## 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

## **Welcome to new and returning members**

Nothing to report this month.

### **Bowling balls**

An old man boards a bus with a bowling ball in each of his front pockets.

He sits down next to a beautiful young lady, and she can't help but glance quizzically at the man and his bulging pockets.

It's an uneasy few minutes before, finally, the old man can take no more.

"Bowling balls," he nods reassuringly.

The lady seems a little shocked, and stares on.

Moments later, she says: "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

Great bowling everyone!

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