

CLUB OF
THE YEAR
2016

HOWICK BOWLS BUZZ

BOWLS NZ
GOLD
CLUB

September 2016

OPENING DAY Saturday September 24th. 2016

9am.

Entries must be in for mini tournament (single entry)

Sheets up in club for entries, or enter on the day.

2 short games of pairs or triples.

9.15.

Welcome by the Presidents.

1st Jack and bowl played to commence 2016/17 season

9.30

Play commences.

11.30

Shared lunch

PLEASE BRING A PLATE

The only organised play in the afternoon will be the usual Saturday roll up. If you play in the morning and feel like continuing after lunch you can join in



INTRODUCTION DAYS

Saturday September 3rd. and Sunday September 18th. 9.30 am



These mornings are mainly aimed at 1st. 2nd. and 3rd year players, but anyone is welcome to attend.

Club shirts will be available for sale. Women's are \$55, Men's \$60

A range of subjects will be discussed, also basic laws of the game and measuring techniques.

Morning tea provided.



INTERCLUB

PLEASE CONSIDER ENTERING AS WE WOULD LIKE A STRONG REPRESENTATION FROM THE HOWICK CLUB

INTER CLUB Open Divisions.

To be played on October 1st, 8th, 15th.

2 Games per day. Teams of 8.

Each player will play one game of fours and one game of pairs per day.

Men's entries to Gary Finnemore 534 7430

Women's entries to Diane Harris 534 4428 (entry sheet also in clubhouse).

Entries close September 7th.

INTER CLUB Half Day 6's

To be played on October 1st, 8th, 15th.

Play commences at 12.30pm

Two games of one and half hours, 2 bowl triples.

These teams can be mixed dependant on entries.

ALL entries to Diane Ph 5344428 (sheets also up in club).

Entries close September 7th.

The half day sixes; *Notice re interclub : hot off the press from Auckland Bowls*

ANY category of club member is now eligible to play in this event.

Summer Wednesday Open Triples

With spring in the air the Summer Wednesday Triples tournament commences on Wed.28 th Sept

Your Committee has decided on the usual 3 bowl triples but consisting of 3 games of 12 ends each. **Games will start with a hooter at 9-30am, 11-30am and 1-45pm.** How long players take to play 12 ends is up them but morning tea will be available from 11am and bring your own lunch from 1pm.

Prizes will again consist of New World shopping vouchers with 1st prize of \$50, 2nd prize of \$40, 3rd prize of \$30 **plus** 2 x \$20 consolation prizes per green for which all team members must stay to claim prizes.



Convenors will be Pat Hindle and Peter O'Flaherty.

Many thanks to these two who are also running the Friday afternoon 2/4/2 tournaments.

The summer season will be the end of mufti, please wear the new club shirt.



Club Captain's Corner

Hi Bowlers,

This time next month we will be into the Summer Season, looking forward to that, we did have some bitterly cold windy weather this winter. Wednesday's have been unlucky, the Tuesdays have been much nicer.



Paul and his team have finished the edges of the greens, cleaning out the gutters cleaning all the carpets and **replacing the carpet in the gutters**. The carpet was then washed down and sprayed with Wet & Forget.



Great job guys. I say it time and time again, but what a great bunch of volunteers Paul has. Many thanks to all.

Our new shed has been completed, Roland Lee, did a great job along with Derek Nelson and team. Again well done. **See Page 9 for photos.**

We are losing two members of our Club.

Ray Sawyer from the Men's club is off to the UK on the 2nd September and from the Ladies Club - Jenny Paskell is off to Christchurch. Both very good bowlers, and will be missed, we wish them both all the very best, it has been a pleasure knowing them.

George Howes is now back at home after 7 weeks in the hospital, he is coming along very well, we hope to see George back bowling again real soon. We miss you George.



Well that's all for now. **Summer Season opens on 24th September.** All the best for the Summer Season ahead.

Peter O'Flaherty

Winter Bowls

Such a mixture this winter, aren't we lucky to have the all weather greens!



The Tuesday morning single entry bowls usually had between 36 and 42 entries. A great way for newer bowlers to meet members, with a fair sprinkling of more experienced bowlers each week too. The regular full day Wednesdays and Friday afternoons 2/4/2 have carried on too.

Many thanks to the convenors of these. Glennis Davey managed the Tuesday and Wednesday entries with Murray Martin the Wed. convenor and Zenda, Allison and Janet ran the 2/4/2.

The 'famous' and very hard to win Canoe Cup and Campi Trophy for Juniors were played 20th -21st August.

John Almond's team (John Almond – E Tamaki , Sam Fa'aitiiti - E.Tamaki, **Tony Mitchinson** – Howick and **Colin Scard** - Howick) played well on the first day to get through to the top eight.

But then, on the second day, they found the competition was too strong, so, unfortunately, they missed out on the Canoe and the Plate. But WELL DONE to that team for a very good effort.

The rest of the boys played off for the consolation but found the greens at Bridge Park a bit difficult to handle. They played better on the second day, though, so WELL DONE to them, too, for their effort.

Everyone said that they enjoyed the weekend and that it was a good learning curve for the Juniors.

Eleven of our junior ladies represented South Eastern zone in this two day event played at the Epsom Bowls club.

Other clubs in the SE zone were Bucklands Bch. Maraetai, Pakuranga and St George's. 8 games of two bowl triples played over two days in excellent weather.

Although none were in the ultimate winning team, all played well and enjoyed some success.

The team of **Irene Turley, Rosemary Ackerley and Christine McDonald** recorded 4w and 1D, while **Liz McFarlane, Valmai Gaudin and Alison Irvine** finished with 4W.

A very credible effort from all.

Also participating and playing some great bowls were **Janet Scard, Lyn McKay, Christine Steel, Pip Burns and Val Lofthouse.**

Well done all.



CONGRATULATIONS TO WALLY MEARNES AND GREG HOLT on their selection to the Auckland Junior Representative Team.

These names have been forwarded to Auckland bowls for consideration for the Under 5 year Women's Rep squad.

Janet Scard, Liz MacFarlane, Val Gaudin, Christine McDonald, Rosemary Ackerley, Jan Lepper. Diane Klomp and Irene Turley were already there from last year.

*It is wonderful for us to have so many Juniors participating.
Well done to the 1st years too...it will be easier next year!!*

Jill Fraser sent this message.

As a coach of the South East Juniors I was very proud of their play and presence on the green. They were very supportive of each other and played to their best ability. The competition was very strong from the Central Zone and John Almond's team did extremely well to get to the last 8. The players were a pleasure to coach and all the South East Clubs should be proud of the way their Clubs were represented.

Changes and additions to the Handbook

Andrea Calder	5354140
Liz McFarlane	5371192
Valerie Lofthouse	5379511
Toa Retzlaff	577 2070
Max Carpenter now	577 5557



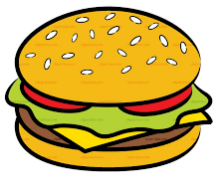
Auckland Bowls Coaching Association Day



On Saturday 27th. August **144 junior bowlers** descended on the Howick Bowls Club to play in the annual ABCA tournament. Howick was well represented by both ladies and men in mixed teams. The team of **Wally Mearns (Howick) skip, Jane Lepper, Barry O'Brien (Howick) and Ron Cherry (Howick)** were placed 4th overall, while **Danny Belsham, Alex Marshall, Errol Riley and Liz McFarlane (Howick)** were 5th. A great effort from all. The Howick club was complimented on our hospitality and delicious lunch. It was a big day for the ladies in the kitchen, ably lead by Maureen, their sterling efforts are to be applauded. The junior ladies involved in the winter coaching then put on morning tea on Monday 29th, to thank all the coaches involved. ***That was a lovely gesture and very much appreciated.***

Men's Roll-up Discs

A new system has been implemented for the name discs on the roll-up board. **All discs are the same colour and members current grading is instead denoted by coloured spots – Leads, yellow; Two's green; Three's blue and Skips red.** Discs are arranged in rows alphabetically (from top to bottom of the board) and as such numbers are no longer necessary or being used. The intention is only to have discs for those members who attend roll-ups as the discs do not serve any other purpose; however, many of the old discs have been retained anyway and placed to the right of the board. If you attend roll-ups and your name is not there, or if your grading status is incorrect, please advise Ken McIntyre at ken.mcintyre46@gmail.com *When returning the discs to the board, please ensure discs are placed in the correct alphabetical row.*



Thanks to all who participated in our trial run of **'Bowls 'n Burgers' held on Sunday afternoons at 2pm during June, July and into August.** Most weeks we enjoyed a turnout of 20 to 30 bowlers - especially during that lovely warm June, now lost to true winter chill. However, bowlers are a hardy lot and a count of those participating indicates over 55 people enjoyed these casual afternoons of single entry drawn pairs. A little bit of weather adversity draws people together so when play ended and indoors beckoned a very friendly hubbub prevailed during the meal of hamburger/hot dog and ice-cream (thanks for the soup too Val) Great to see everyone mixing, chatting and noisy! We also welcomed a few players from other clubs who are keen to return which is very encouraging. It's a simple format with entry accepted up until 11am on the day. We will be repeating the exercise in 2017, probably starting in May and available to all at \$10 non members and \$5 members (meal money refunded to 1st 2nd & 3rd placings). **Bowls 'n Burgers will also happen on the Sundays of public holiday weekends during the summer season** so we look forward to seeing you there.

The Team,

Irene & Maurice Turley, Derek & Gail Nelson, Nola Turner, Maureen Ransley, Christine Steele and Val Gaudin.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

Handbooks

The **2016 2017 handbooks** are now available for members to collect from the box in the office window. Only 1 each please.

Have a Go Day

We will again be participating in the Auckland Bowls Have a Go Day programme on **Sunday 16 October** from **1 to 4 pm**. Please note this in your diaries to come and help give visitors some guidance or with the bbq. We will also ask you to help deliver flyers in your neighbourhood from early October.

Liquor licence



We have now received our **new liquor licence** which will allow us to enjoy a drink around **A,B,D & E** rinks. Alcoholic drinks must not be taken across the laneway between B and C rinks. Our licence requires us to put out signs to designate the specified liquor drinking area each time. Signs must therefore be put up on the walkway by the clubhouse patio steps, by the water tank steps and by the walkways at the bottom of the relevant greens. **There are 5 signs per the photo for this in the A green shed** consisting of the sign and slotted stand which can be filled with water on windy days.

We must only allow alcoholic drinks to be taken out of the clubhouse after the rules have been explained, drinkers reminded to return empty glasses and signs put out. In the case of tournaments where we have non-members in attendance we must only allow drinking around the greens where a dedicated member has the specific task of ensuring drinks are not taken beyond the designated area, for obnoxious behaviour and underage drinking.

We have been allowed this in our licence as we are considered **low risk and responsible** and we know that our members will abide by these rules and also look after the signs.

Our bar staff also need to be vigilant as the Police regularly use underage people to buy alcohol in sting operations. Thus don't hesitate to ask for ID from visitors and remember these days youngsters often look older than they are. Also please use the Visitors Book in the bar where we have tournaments and unknown visitors and sign them in as guests (i.e. tournament bowlers and officials do not need to sign the Visitors Book).

Our licenced bar opening hours are from 10-30 am till 11 pm daily.

Membership Cards

After you have paid your subscriptions please carry your membership cards with you at our club and when visiting other clubs as the stricter liquor laws require it and could result in Inspectors / Police checks.

There is a red box on the ladies side with receipts and membership cards for those who have paid and the men's are on their noticeboard.

Subscriptions are now overdue. If you haven't done so, please pay immediately.



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FOCUS HEARING

Daniel Kim, from Focus Hearing, is offering to club members an opportunity to try out the new technology and also to have a hearing test at the same time.

In the past a number of our members have taken the opportunity to get their hearing checked and the result, in many cases, has been an improvement in the quality of their hearing and involvement with their families.

Also helps hear what our skips tell us they want from our next bowl !!!!!!!!!



"You can't take it with you so I'm sending it on ahead."



DAVIS FUNERALS PRESENTATION

On Tuesday 12 July we had a presentation from Donna Little of Davis Funeral Services.

The idea of the presentation was three fold:

*To answer questions concerning funerals and organizing funeral arrangements.

*A view that a funeral is really a celebration of a person life and need not be all sad.

*Ways to plan for this event, which will help relieve the pressure on the family and those remaining.

Donna's knowledge and advice did much to dispel a number of areas of concern and also shed light on what can be done and how to go about planning for it ahead so the detail required and wanted by you for the event is here for the family. What could have been a very somber and difficult topic was presented with great sensitivity, some humour and lots of good advice by Donna. The turn out was reasonably good with about 25 people there all agreeing it was very worth while and a number are going to take Donna's advice and start building up the information which will be needed for that day. It is planned to have another presentation and I would suggest more come to it as it was very valuable.

Malcolm Martin

A series of photos showing the new tank being installed.

This will store rainwater from the roof to avoid mains water charges.

It has been partly funded by a grant from the **Lion Foundation** organised by **Paul Tindill**.



Antonio is dwarfed by the new tank.

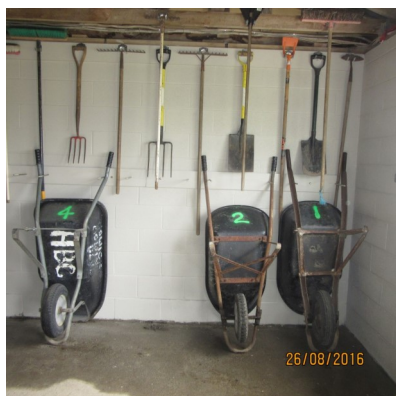


Both tanks are in use now.



This last photo was the one Paul sent to the Lion Foundation with the audit compliance certificate.
Thanks Paul and to the others who guided the various stages of this project.

Thanks to those who have helped in many ways with the reconstruction of the Shed on B Green.



Another way we can support our Sponsors is by using their services and telling them we are from Howick Bowls and appreciate their support. This week a group of Tuesday morning bowlers went to have the \$15 lunch at The **Good Home Restaurant in the Prospect** of Howick.



We also heard this week of members who have just used 2 of our Sponsors who were very pleased to know why they were 'chosen'. One couple is shifting their business affairs from a city lawyer to use **Galbraith Lawyers in Howick**. Another has made arrangements to have a knee operation with Orthopaedic Surgeon **Kevin Karpic** who sponsors the Melbourne Cup Tournament and a Wednesday Triples.



Health and Safety. Dear Members, Just a friendly reminder to you all to be aware of the placement of your **bowls lifters** on the greens and also on the banks. The lifters are very useful I know so we don't want to trip and fall due to careless use.

Take Care

Maureen NPBB



New season Twilight Bowls.

Watch for details of the opening date.

They will continue to be held on Thursday evenings.



Irene and Maurice Turley, who have been a big part in the success of the Twilight Bowls and Bowls and Burgers have been nominated by both clubs for **“Volunteer of the year” at Manukau Sports.**

Both events are open to bowling members and non-members, and they have resulted in new members for the clubs.

Also for the catering of bowling tournaments and hall hire which have brought in funds to Howick Bowls for upgrading and adding facilities for the complex.

They have encouraged others to follow their example and many Juniors are making a difference around the Club.



After her success as Auckland Bowls Official of the Year **Joy Baughan** has been nominated for a similar award in the Bowls NZ Awards. Congratulations Joy.

You may have seen the cutting on the Noticeboard from the local paper about **Ted Collett** who has been giving blood for 49 years and has just reached his 100th pint! Well done Ted.



Our Grass greens are looking top class again ready for the opening day on September 24th. This is no accident. Paul is grateful for the help he receives.



Installing the artificial grass in the ditches.



Presidents **Diane and Flemming** are sending reminders of upcoming events in between the Buzz newsletters. Also use your Handbooks and watch the Noticeboards.

Thanks to those who have contributed to this newsletter.

Please send any articles or information to cecilie@xtra.co.nz

Our website is www.howickbowls.nz

For the committees,

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