NEWSLETTER

October 2025

Welcome to your October newsletter.

Well, we are off and running. Feels like a lot going on and we will try our best to keep you up to date with all of it.

What's your committee up to

Your committee has been keeping busy behind the scenes — here's a little peek at what we've been working on:

- Looking Sharp – Val, Warwick and Christine have been hunting out jacket options so we can bowl in style. Watch this space!
- Sharing the Load – Running tournaments is a biggie, so Val & Eric are looking at pulling together a small subcommittee to help our Match Committee keep things rolling smoothly.
- Big Bowls Weekend – The Men's Open Fours in November is shaping up to be a cracker with over $7,000 in prize money (entry dependent). Plenty of planning (and promoting!) happening to make sure it's one to remember.
- Membership Matters – We've been tidying up membership processes so everything's clear and easy.
- Club Spirit – Most importantly, we're focused on keeping Mangawhai Bowls a welcoming, fun place where everyone feels part of the action.

Thanks for backing us — it's your support that makes all this possible!

Congratulations and who's been doing what!

Sept 6th & 7th Centre Pennants
A great competition and our players did their best.
It was a pretty cold day so lots of rugged up players.

Who's that bowler?
Think you know?
Those who didn't attend Pennants Email your guess to thebowlingsecretary@gmail.com by Wed 15th Oct to go in the draw!

Sept 10th Monkey in the Middle
What a super fun day - thanks to our Match Committee.
The 'monkey' was the senior player who had to go 2nd with juniors either side.

Winners
Marie, Neville & Jill

We had best dressed

What an amazing outfit Bruno!

Sept 13th & 14th Centre Open Mixed Pairs
Several Mangawhai teams travelled to compete in this competition.

Kayleigh Summers and Lee Warburton got through to the semi-finals.

Love it!
Well done!

Sept 27th & 28th Club Mixed Pairs
What a weekend. A little trying thanks to the weather but I think everyone will agree that the new format went down very well. Throughout the weekend we saw some great bowls from everyone. Some hard-fought games went down to bring us to the final 2 teams. Ally Connery and Rob Henson vs Sue and Paul Wightman. Winners… Ally and Rob. Congrats!

Sept/Oct
Well done to Sue Wightman who played in the Women's 4's team at the Summerset Masters and, to Kiwi and Rob Henson who played in the Men's 4's team.
Both teams came away with **GOLD** medals, fantastic!

Welcome to new and returning members
Geoff Wood
Brian Langridge
Ngare Price
Erin Wildermoth

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.

Oct 4th & 5th Northland Rep teams to Auckland

Members from our Club who went to Represent were:

Junior 1-5yr

Women - Lorraine Davies, Liz West, Jo Johnson, Marie Reid and Kayleigh Summers (played at Royal Oak)

Men - Rob Webber, Shane Wintle and reserve Geoff Wheeler (played at New Lynn)

Development squad

Women – Ally Connery (played at New Lynn)

Men – Warwick Catchpole. Manager – Paul Wightman (played at Royal Oak)

Premier Squad

Women – Sue Wightman, Wendy Sarjeant, Christine Lineham. Manager – Mona Guttenbeil (played at Orewa)

Men – Lee Warburton (played at Remuera)

More photos to come next month...

	Upcoming Events for October
Sat 11th	Placemakers Centre Open Triples – entries closed
Sun 12th	Placemakers Centre Open Triples
Sun 12th	Club Day – 12p.m check-in for 12.30 start
Wed 15th	Alice Cameron Triples: Graded and Drawn (Mixed)
Thur 16th	Twilight Starts
Sat 18th	Club Champ Triples (Men's and Women's)
Sun 19th	Club Champ Triples (Men's and Women's)
Tues 21st	Business House Bowls Starts
Wed 22nd	Artesian Waters AC Triples
Thur 23rd	Twilight bowls
Sat 25th	Placemakers Centre Open Singles (Men's and Women's)
Sun 26th	Placemakers Centre Open Singles (Men's and Women's)
Sun 26th	Club Day– 12p.m check-in for 12.30 start
Tues 28th	Business House Bowls
Wed 29th	Club Day – Morning session 9 – 12 (3 games), Avo session 12 – 2.15pm (2 games)
Thur 30th	Twilight bowls
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Sat 1st	Mangawhai Men's Open Fours
Sun 2nd	Mangawhai Men's Open Fours

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.

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… Val Tapp

WEIGHT AND LINE 4 JACK DRILL

Place mat on the 2 metre and set up four jacks - one the 23 metre (minimum length), one on the two metre (maximum length) and the other two evenly distributed behind that.
Following the below draw sequence you must play all of your bowls to different jacks on alternating hands. Your objective is to draw within a mat of the jack. Once this is achieved you move onto the next jack stated. Keep a note of how many bowls it takes to get an effective bowl by marking an 'X' until you succeed. Top bowlers complete the sequence in 10-14 bowls … so that is your goal!
(a half tennis ball sits well on the green to use as a jack)

1 BH	
3 FH	
2 BH	
4 FH	
3 BH	
1 FH	
4 BH	
2 FH	

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!
Also, a nominated Life Member to acknowledge and accept.

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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 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
(I have been offered a couple of husbands to give away… I think the wives were going to get back to me)

Reasons we take up Bowling
My husband took up bowling, and he bragged upon the phone
About some wench called Kitty whom he couldn't leave alone
He played with Kitty
He stayed with Kitty
He picked her up without a hitch
He missed Kitty
He kissed Kitty
He even lay with her in the ditch
So, I took up bowling to win my hubby back
And found what he could do with Kitty, I could do with Jack.

Great bowling everyone!