



**Auckland
Bowls**

Friday Flash

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ROBIN ELLERY TROPHY STAYS IN AUCKLAND

The Robin Ellery Trophy was up for grabs on Saturday when the four Region 1 centres met in the last round of representative fixtures for the year.

Auckland, Far North, North Harbour and Northland Open Men, Open Women, Open Reserve Men and Open Reserve Women, were all in action at Balmoral and Onehunga Bowling Clubs for the event.

The Robin Ellery Trophy is awarded to the Centre which has the highest number of game points over the four sides with each side fielding a singles, pairs and fours discipline.

The Auckland sides won the Open Women's competition and were runners up in both the Men's Open Reserve and Women's Open Reserve competitions and that was enough to retain the Robin Ellery Trophy for the year with 44 game points over Northlands 41, North Harbour 40 and Far North 19.

Congratulations to the Auckland teams who performed so well on Saturday.

The results from Saturday have been combined with the results from December's round and the top two teams in both the Men's and Women's Open section from the eight centres of Region 1 and 2 will go forward to the national finals.

The centres who will be representing Region 1 and 2 at the national finals in Palmerston North later this month are:

Men's Open: Waikato; Counties Manukau

Women's Open: Waikato; Northland

Good luck to all these sides on their quest for the national title.

NATIONAL INTERCLUB REGIONALS IN WHANGAREI SUNDAY

Good luck to the four Auckland clubs who are playing in the Regional finals of the National Interclub tournament in Whangarei on Sunday.

Men's and Women's Division 1 sides, St Heliers and Carlton Cornwall, will be playing at Kensington Bowling Club and the Division 2 sides, Pakuranga and Balmoral Women's, will

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Auckland Bowls backs you all the way and we hope we will be wishing some of you well on your journey to Palmerston North later this month!!



GOLD STAR SHOWDOWN TOMORROW AT HOWICK

(Article by Chris Le Lievre)

Onehunga's Tom Delany and Hillsboro's Martin Dixon will go head to head in the final of the Southern Cross Building Society Auckland men's triples final to be held this Saturday at Howick at 8.30am, with the winner to be awarded their Gold Star for five Auckland open centre titles.

Dixon leads for his accomplished Hillsboro trio of two John Harding and skip Grant Goodwin. Between them they boast almost 100 years worth of experience on the greens.

Delany's team of new Black Jack and brother Danny and Chris Le Lievre will be looking for their third triples crown in four years after succumbing to Rowan Brassey, Neven Grgicevich and Brett Hassall in last year's semi final. Brassey went on to defeat young guns Scott Evans and Adam Wishnoski with Keith Ansell in the final, earning Brassey his 15th Auckland Centre title.

Goodwin's Hillsboro side had overcome Don Faifua of Mangere in their semi final, with Delany coming from behind to pip Russell Barrett (Blockhouse Bay) played on November 8 of last year.

Carlton Cornwall's Karen de Jongh with former Black Jack Wendy Jensen and Hyundai National pairs champion Bev Crowe were the winners of the Southern Cross Building Society Auckland women's triples completed in November.

The men's triples final is the last Open centre event to be completed before the start of the Champion of Champion events, with the Champ of Champ Fours held on Saturday March 20th.

Southern Cross Building Society Auckland Men's Triples Final Saturday 6th March, Howick Bowling Club, 8.30am start

Grant Goodwin (skip), John Harding, Martin Dixon (Hillsboro)
VS

Danny Delany (skip), Chris Le Lievre, Tom Delany (Onehunga)

ANOTHER CRACKER DAY FOR FRIDAY INTERCLUB

It has been three perfect Friday's for bowling and the Friday Interclub is now over halfway through the qualifying stages.

Section 1 is looking very congested at the top and the top spots are still very much in the

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balance.

Onehunga is clinging on to top spot with 13 points, just holding Ellerslie Bronco out on 12 points who are in turn holding St Heliers Blue out of contention as they sit on 11 points.

None of the top teams are due to meet next week either so it may remain until the last week for a decider to be played.

In Section 2 Mission Bay Green is showing impressive form with eight wins out of the nine games played and is sitting on 16 points. Breathing down their necks though is Pakuranga Gold on 15 and then St Heliers Gold on 11.

Oratia leads the pack in Section 3 with 15 points followed by Pt Chevalier Pirates on 12. These two teams will meet in the final round and changes could happen.

And in Section 4 Carlton Cornwall had their perfect record snatched from them this week by Mt Eden who held them to a win, a loss and a draw. Carlton Cornwall is still top of the table; however, on 15 points ahead of Mt Albert team Advantage on 13 points and Hillsboro on 12 points.

Friday Interclub continues today with Round four and the play off contenders could be in evidence by then.

EMMA LANDS FATAL BLOW IN TRANS TASMAN

(Article by Chris Le Lievre)

Auckland's Emma Le Lievre put the sword to the Australian under 18 side on Sunday afternoon as she steered New Zealand to Trans Tasman victory for the first time in history.

Le Lievre, Wellington's Kirsten Griffin, Waikato's Ryan Khan and debutant Monty Pawa from Kaitaia broke Australia's eight year unbeaten streak in the under 18 Trans Tasman event, claiming the Perpetual Shield for the first time since its inception in 2002.

Australian pairs skip Lisa Phillips stood in disbelief as Le Lievre continued to draw shot after shot with pinpoint accuracy, even after the series win was a foregone conclusion.

Emma Le Lievre was in outstanding form, not dropping a game in the pairs discipline with lead Griffin, dismantling Phillips and impressive Queenslander Carly Griffiths 23-18, 31-14 and 21-11 over the three days play.

New Zealand also triumphed in the under 25 series, with the women winning their test series and the men, including Auckland's Greg Ruaporo and Chris Le Lievre chiming in to claim the Nominal Overall under 25 Trophy.

The under 25 women overcame their devastating loss from last year's Brisbane showdown, coming from a test behind to claim their series 2-1.

Losing the first test by only five shots differential, the women then shut out the Australians with two 3-1 victories on day's 2 and 3.

"We're absolutely over the moon." Bowls New Zealand National Coach Dave Edwards

said. "It's a proud moment for the team and it's a real feather in their caps."

However it was heartbreak for the men's under 25 side, which lost their series after claiming the day 1 spoils for the second year running, after an often fiery series loss in Brisbane last year.

"David Ferguson and Sean Baker stood up when it counted for Australia." Chris Le Lievre admitted after the conclusion of play.

"But for me the star of the series was Greg (Ruaporo). He was quite simply outstanding for three days straight."

Leading the triples and fours for New Zealand, Ruaporo's opposite in both disciplines was Dylan Fisher, the much-touted future Australian star. Ruaporo consistently outplayed the Victorian teen, and even deep into the third day when Australia was on top and Fisher had hit his straps Ruaporo did not let up.

The under 25 men can take some solace in claiming the overall trophy and knowing they were only one Matt Gallop trail away from winning the test series on the second day, losing the test by 3 shots differential, but ultimately Australia were too good on the final day's play.

RESULTS

Junior Trans Tasman Series Birkenhead, Auckland, Feb 26-28

Under 25 Women

New Zealand (Misty Arnold, Mandy Boyd, Amy Brenton, Gemma Collett, Clare McCaul) **beat**

Australia (Janet Healey, Carla Odgers, Rebecca Quail, Sam Shannahan, Morgan Solman-Stewart)

2-1

Under 25 Men

Australia (Sean Baker, David Ferguson, Dylan Fisher, Carl Healey, Mat Pietersen) **beat**
New Zealand (Matt Gallop, Andrew Kelly, Chris Le Lievre, Greg Ruaporo, Mark Watt)

2-1

Nominal Overall Under 25 Trophy- Winners

New Zealand (Arnold, Boyd, Brenton, Collett, Gallop, Kelly, Le Lievre, McCaul, Ruaporo, Watt)

Under 18 Women

New Zealand (Kirsten Griffin, Emma Le Lievre) **beat**

Australia (Carly Griffiths, Lisa Phillips)

2-1

Under 18 Men

New Zealand (Ryan Khan, Monty Pawa) **beat**

Australia (Martin Miller, Aaron Teys)

2-1

Perpetual Overall Under 18 Trophy- Winners

New Zealand (Griffin, Khan, Le Lievre, Pawa)

MARKERS REQUIRED

The Kittyhawk National Under 20 Singles will be played at Pakuranga Bowling Club on Friday, Saturday & Sunday 2nd - 4th April – this is Easter.

Markers will be required for each day. If anyone that interested in marking please contact Howard at Auckland Bowls on Ph: 623 3555.

GREENKEEPERS FIELD DAY COMING UP

The Green Keepers Association will be holding a field day at Hillsboro Bowling Club on Monday 15th March commencing 10.00am.

Peter Munro from NZSTI will be speaking and the main fertilizer suppliers will also be in attendance.

This is an important part of the year for green keepers, green superintendents and clubs.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.

BOWLS MISPLACED FROM HOWICK

A set of bowls has been misplaced from Howick Bowling Club. They are maroon Taylor VS Size 3 with a blue dolphin emblem. They were in a maroon and black travel bag on wheels. If anyone has inadvertently picked up these bowls please call the office on (09) 623 3555.

UMPIRES TRAINING COMMENCING IN APRIL

As the 2009/10 seasons enters its final phase it is time for all players of our great game to spend a little time contemplating how to spend their free time during the winter.

Maybe a trip overseas or perhaps catch up on work around the house and even better spend 30 hours on becoming a Bowls Umpire. Yes, that is all it takes to learn the laws of the game and the 15 practical exercises that make up the ten 2 hour sessions plus a little practical.

Auckland tutors will be commencing the training course for prospective candidates on Wednesday 7th April and concluding on 16th June. Tutorials are held in the evening from 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Remuera Bowling Club.

Becoming an umpire is a great way to learn the laws of the game, so if you are interested in attending the course please contact the Auckland Bowls office on Ph: 623 3555 or Auckland Umpires Secretary, Sue Curran on Ph: 575 8112.

OFFICIAL AUCKLAND BOWLS CLOTHING FOR SALE

Auckland Bowls has launched a range of bowls clothing that is now available for sale. All items are branded with a special Auckland logo and exclusively available from Auckland Bowls.

The office is located at the Mt Eden Bowling Club, 17 Stokes Road Mt Eden. Items can be purchased between 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday. Sample items are available for you to try on and your selected items will be delivered to you within 5 working days.

A selection of shirts and trousers is available and this range will be added to in the future. Shirts are priced from \$16.50 and trousers from \$35.00.

Auckland branded clothing is also available for your club with Ellerslie Bowling Club the first to take up this offer. If you would like further information please contact Auckland Bowls on (09) 623 3555 or email: info@aucklandbowls.co.nz.

Samples of some of the clothing can all be seen on the Auckland Bowls website or by clicking [here](#).

CLUB TOURNAMENTS

St Heliers: Sunday March 21st, April 18th, May 2nd - ACT 10.00am start, 3 games of 1 hr 30 mins. Contact Club Ph: 575 7594 or Robin Ellery Ph: 575 7925

Henderson: ACT every Tuesday, \$24.00 per team, 9 am start includes morning tea. Contact Mike Stockford on Ph: 833 1913 or 021 041 6779.

Glendowie: Thursdays 18th March, 1st, 15th & 29th April. Contact: Phil Bowden Ph: 575 5908.

Te Atatu Peninsula: Sundays, 14th March, 18th April, 23rd May

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Glendowie: Wednesday, Thursday 10th and 11th March Classic tournament (4s & 2s). Contact: Phil Bowden Ph: 575-5908.

Pt Chevalier: Thursday, 11th March ACT, 9:30 start, \$24 per team, includes morning tea. Contact the Club on Ph: 846 6728 to enter.

Henderson: Sunday 14th March, 1-5 yrs ACT. \$36.00 per team includes Morning Tea and Lunch. Contact Anne Mahon: Phone: 837 2907 email: kevin.anne@xtra.co.nz

Carlton Cornwall: Sunday 14th March, ACT 9.30 start, \$24 per team, Contact Mal MacEivanna Ph: 027 244 9959

Pt Chevalier: Thursday, 18th March, 55 Years Plus ACT, 9:30 start, \$24 per team, includes morning tea. Contact the Club on Ph: 846 6728 to enter.

Birkenhead: Saturday 20th March and Sunday 21st March. WP 8.30am start- \$4,500 in prizes (based on first 32 entries) \$50 per team includes lunch and morning tea. Contact Leanne Ph: 021 073 7830 or Emmie Ph: 027 213 1855

Blockhouse Bay: Sunday 21st March ACHKP (Please note change from ACT) \$20 entry per team, lunch provided, Contact Doug Vague Ph 828 3979 or the Club Ph: 626 6450

Pakuranga: Tuesday 23rd March, ACT 9.30 start, \$30 per team for first 32 teams. Contact Anne Wells Ph: 535 4396

Pt Chevalier: Sunday, 28th March ACT, 9:30 start, \$24 per team, includes morning tea. Contact the Club on Ph: 846 6728 to enter.

Mt Eden: Sunday 28th March, Junior ACT 9.30am start, \$30 per team includes morning tea and lunch. Contact the club on Ph: 630 0427.

Green Keeper's Association: Monday 29th March, Hillsboro Bowling Club, ACT. 9.30am start \$30 per team, lunch included. Limited to first 32 teams. Contact: Carol Stead Ph: 626 5552 or Evan Forde Ph: 275 8363.

Glendowie: Sunday, Monday 4th and 5th April Easter Classic (4s & 2s) Contact: Phil Bowden Ph: 575 5908

Pt Chevalier: 2 Day Junior Triples (Easter) Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th April - J1-5 ACT, 9:00 start, \$60 per team, includes Lunch. Contact the Club on Ph: 846 6728 to enter.

Glendowie: Sunday, 11th April Open Junior Classic. Contact: Graham Fenn Ph: 585 0076.

Auckland: Sunday 11th April MF- LLC Tournament (please note change of date from 4th April) Contact Greame Scott Ph: 021 483 133 or email llc_nz@yahoo.com

Mission Bay: Sunday, 18th April. Leads and Twos ACT. Enquiries and entries to Angela Caughey Ph: 524 7154 or Rosemary Goldie Ph: 524 8309 - or mbwbc@ihug.co.nz

Pakuranga: Anzac Weekend 24th, 25th April, Sir Lloyd Elsmore ACT , 9.30am start, \$90 per team includes lunch, Contact Jean Clark Ph: 268 4060 email clarkbobjean@xtra.co.nz or Bob Zaloum Ph: 274 7697 email bzaloum@xtra.co.nz

Te Atatu Peninsula: Thursdays, 29th April, 13th May, ACT

Balmoral: Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th May ACT 1-5 Years only. (Please note the change of date from the Centre Handbook) Contact Terry Barrett Ph: 634 1668
Mob: 027 462 0925

New Lynn: Sunday May 16th A3ACT.

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