

Auckland Bowls Bulletin

Bringing Clubs' Information and Updates from the Auckland Centre



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Welcome to edition seven of the Auckland Bowls Bulletin! This will be sent out to each club and posted on our website every two months.

We hope you enjoy reading the information! The Bulletin forms part of our overall strategy to improve our level of communication with clubs and individual members.

New Season Underway

Just like that we have a new bowls season underway! This Sunday sees the start of Winter Interclub. All the information is available on our website. The special scorecards and team sheets have been sent to the host clubs for this weekend.

Good luck to the competing clubs. Stay warm and let's hope for some fine weather!

AUCKLAND BOWLS AGM

The Auckland Bowls AGM will be held on Monday 30th July at 7.30pm at the Mt Eden Bowling Club. All the information has been sent to the clubs by post and email. It is also available on the Auckland Bowls website.

Included with this information is our Annual Report. We have additional copies in the office or you can find a digital copy on our website.

Please make sure your club attends the AGM. We did not get a quorum for the first SGM we held earlier this year in April. It is very inconvenient for those that do make the effort to attend, only to find that we cannot proceed with the meeting.

Please have a discussion with your Club Committee and make sure you have a representative attend.

Club Development Agreements

A major project of Auckland Bowls is the introduction of Club Development Agreements with clubs in Auckland. Thank you to those clubs that have engaged with us in such a positive manner so far.

At the last Board meeting we signed off agreements with three club groups comprising 10 clubs in total. Later this month we plan to be able to sign off with a further three club groups.

Once this process has concluded we will then be moving to the next group of clubs. Our goal is to sign up a further three club groups by the end of December and the remaining groups by the end of April 2019.

If your club is keen to be involved in this project but have not yet had contact with us, then please contact Steve Clifton – steve@aucklandbowls.co.nz – to register your interest. Please be patient as we work through this important strategy.

With support from the Rawhiti Fund we have been able to allocate \$2.5m over a five-year period to support the growth and development of our sport.

NEW WEBSITE

You may have noticed that we have a new website! Our previous website was supported by Bowls NZ and as they have moved to a new provider we were required to update as well.

We are still working on various aspects of the site so please bear with us while we go through this process. In time, we think it will provide an improved experience for those that visit the site.

www.aucklandbowls.co.nz

CENTRE HANDBOOK

The Auckland Bowls handbook for the new season is in production and by now you should have sent to us your club page and tournaments for the upcoming season. If this is not yet completed please contact Kristina – kristina@aucklandbowls.co.nz, 623 3555 – as soon as possible.

We are also developing a list of key club tournaments that we would like to support. Submissions for this closed with Phil Vyver on the 30th June – but again if you missed the deadline please email phil@aucklandbowls.co.nz with the brief details of your major tournament(s) – name, date, format.

Events Programme

The Auckland Bowls Events Programme for 2018 – 2019 was released on schedule at the end of May. If you haven't yet seen a copy, please go to our website. The events are also listed by date on the main page of the website.

Some exciting changes have been put in place highlighted by the new Bowls3Five events from Bowls NZ. Auckland Bowls is supporting this initiative with both a 1-5 Year Interclub version prior to Christmas, and the main Bowls3Five competition from late January.

Please make sure your club supports this initiative and enters teams in each of the competitions. They will both be played midweek in the evenings from 6.30pm, with games scheduled to take around one hour. More details will be sent out once the conditions of play have been finalised.

Bowls NZ have the televised league from New Lynn Bowling Club starting on the 23rd October. Keep an eye on the Bowls NZ website to keep up to date with developments.

BOWLS3FIVE EXPLAINED

Some of you might be wondering what this new Bowls3Five is all about. The basics of it are:

- Format is two bowl triples
- Two sets of five ends will be played to determine a winner with a one end tiebreaker used to determine the winner if both sets are tied or teams win one set each
- A power play can be used once in the game (not per set) where you will score double points in that end (can't be used in the tiebreaker)
- Teams need to be mixed
- Games should take around 1 hour to complete
- The events will be played in the evening on a weekday with generally only one game played per night

We hope that clubs will get in behind the new format and enter teams in the two different competitions that Auckland Bowls will be running.

More details will come out once the full conditions of play are finalised.

Emails from Auckland Bowls

As a result of recent changes to our email server and Spark security settings, we are having some issues with sending emails to Xtra accounts. This is affecting outward email and also the Friday Flash, please bear with us as we work to sort this out and please contact the office on 623 3555 if you have any questions.

INTERCLUB OPTIONS

This season Saturday Interclub has been scheduled on the following dates:

Saturday 27th October
Saturday 3rd November
Saturday 10th November
Saturday 17th November
Saturday 24th November
Saturday 1st December

We want to ensure that the format for Interclub is one that suits most participants. Please review the following options with your club members and provide to us the view of your club.

Thank you to those clubs that have already expressed an opinion on this matter. There are many variations that could be played but we have decided on promoting the three options as listed on the next page.

Please note that this will not change the Half Day Sixes. This interclub version (2 x triples) will run the same as last season (any combination), but across six Saturday's rather than just three.

For all interclub will run as many divisions as we get entries, and clubs will be placed in Divisions based on where they finished "Saturday Interclub" last season. We have 12 rounds available to us and we will look to complete the draw, so we are using all 12 rounds (this will depend on the entries we receive and how the divisions are determined).

Interclub Divisions will be separate for Men and Women – the 3 listed options refer to both.

Our view is that the majority of club members should be playing Interclub if they are available. Please encourage as many of your members as possible to take part this season. We will have a division to suit all playing abilities with both full day and half day options available.

If you can please discuss with your club members and let us know the Preferred Option and the

Next Best Option for your club. We require responses no later than 10th August 2018.

Email phil@aucklandbowls.co.nz or mia@aucklandbowls.co.nz with your response. Please do not hesitate to give us a call or send an email if you have any questions or would like clarification on any matters.

INTERCLUB OPTIONS FOR 2018

Option 1 – Saturday Interclub format from last season (minus the bonus fours)

This option would run to the same format as Saturday Interclub last season, without using bonus fours. A side of eight playing 2 pairs and 1 fours and then swapping for the second game. Traditional scoring format for both pairs and fours.

In the pairs two points will be awarded for each game won and one point for each game drawn. In the Fours, four points will be awarded for a win and two for a draw.

Two rounds per day would be played.

Option 2 – National Interclub format from last season

This option would run to the same format as National Interclub has in the past. A side of seven playing singles, pairs and fours. Clubs would also be required to supply a marker / manager for each side.

In all games three points will be awarded for each game won and one point for each game drawn.

Two rounds per day would be played.

Option 3 – Pennants Style Interclub

This option would run to a similar format to that used by Bowls North Harbour. A side of nine playing 3 x triples.

In all games, three points will be awarded for each game won and six bonus points will be awarded to the Club with the highest overall shots for and three points to each club if the overall shots are equal between two clubs (a total of 15 competition points is available per round).

Two rounds per day would be played.

DON'T FORGET...

Winter Coaching is underway! Below are the venues and dates winter coaching commenced. The Canoe, Campi & ABCA Tournaments are for 1-5-year bowlers only, if you want to learn some skills over winter you can go to any of the venues below. Please encourage your members to get involved.

Reporting time is 8:30am for a 9am start at all venues except South who play at 1pm.

AUCKLAND BOWLING COACHES ASSOCIATION – WINTER COACHING PROGRAMME

Zone: North West Venue: Hobsonville, Coach: Grant Keats Ph: 021 027 41984
Cost: \$3 plus raffle P/W Start: 16 June 2018

Zone: West Venue: Glen Eden Coach: Paul Stier Ph: 837 2188
Cost: \$5 P/W Start: 16 June 2018

Zone: Central Venue: Epsom Coach: Sheryl Johnson Ph: 027 235 9864
Cost: \$5 P/W Start: 23 June 2018

Zone: East Venue: St Heliers Coach: Catherine Bien Ph: 021 157 4508
Cost: \$35 Start: 16 June 2018

Zone: South East Venue: Howick Coach: Leon Chapman Ph: 577 2297 Cost: \$5 P/W Start: 7 July 2018

Zone: South Venue: Pukekohe/Manurewa Coach: Margaret Davies Ph: 021 594 131
Cost: \$4 P/W Start: 14 July 2018

Canoe/Campi Two Day Tournament, 18th & 19th August 2018 Canoe: Bridge Park Bowling Club Campi: Epsom Bowling Club Entry Fee: \$20 each.

ABCA Mixed Four One Day Tournament, 25th August 2016 Howick and/or Pakuranga Entry Fee: \$10 each (26th August Reserve Day).

Summerset National Singles and Pairs

Auckland Bowls is very proud to be the host Centre for the Summerset National Singles and Pairs to be held from the 2-8 January 2019. This Bowls NZ event is the pinnacle of domestic bowls competition. Carlton Cornwall Bowls will be headquarters for the event.

We will also require many other clubs and greens to cater for the expected number of entrants. This will require the support of many volunteers – umpires, markers, greens staff, catering etc. This is advanced warning! We would love for as many clubs as possible to get in behind and support this event, so please have a chat at club committee level and see what your club can do. We will need host clubs for both singles – yes eight markers per green will be required – and pairs, particularly for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th January, with less clubs required in the latter stages as the tournament heads into post section.

As part of our annual Greens Scheduling for the season we will be including the Summerset Nationals. We will be in touch again soon!

THANK YOU



Thank you to all who attended the Auckland Bowls Awards Luncheon at Royal Oak Bowls. A full listing of our winners can be found in the 2018 Auckland Bowls Annual Report.

A great day was had by all.