



WHITBY BOWLING CLUB WEEKLY UPDATE



Week Ending Thursday 10th September 2026



On the Green:

Tuesday's great weather kicked off Plimmerton's first 2026 / 2027 Summer Triples gala. Three Whitby teams joined teams from Plimmerton, Johnsonville & Raumati to make up the 14 team field. Four games of 8 ends made it a fairly full day and there was plenty of competition. Johnsonville teams finished 1st & 2nd with a single point splitting them, with a Plimmerton team finishing 3rd. Diane, Sue & Alison had the following results 10/2, 5/15, 10/4, 3/14. Derek, Allan & Glen's results 4/8, 8/7, 2/10, 5/8. Trevor, Keith, Kevin's results 6/5, 10/5, 5/5, 4/7.

The next Plimmerton Summer Gala is on Tuesday 13 October.

Working Bees

Last Saturday's working bee was a roaring success, so much so that we have another one planned for this coming Saturday the 12th. There will be a list on the whiteboard detailing things that need to be done. If you have small handtools etc for gardening etc, bring them along. There is plenty to do, so hopefully you can make it and give a hand. See Sarah's article below on the events of last Saturday's working bee.

Opening Day

Opening day for the new season will be on Saturday 19th of September. The day is going to kick off at midday with our dignitaries being welcomed and a drink of bubbles or juice for those in attendance. Following this will be the raising of the flag, some speeches and the rollup of the first bowl of the season. There will be a fun bowls session organised by Janet and Mike followed by afternoon tea at approximately 2pm. Unfortunately, we will not be able to play on the green. Our greenkeeper has advised us that due to the amount of wet weather over the winter the green still needs a couple of weeks to dry out before we can use it. More about this later. For those members who have uniform, please wear it on the day. Also, if you have not already sent a RSVP that you will be attending, please do so as soon as possible, so that we can judge the amount of catering that will be needed.

New Website

The new website is well and truly up and running and we hope you have taken some time out to have a look at it. We have received good feedback thus far. There will be some minor changes as we go along to make it more informative and make improvements to the layout. We encourage you to **Signup** to be able to access Key club contacts and their responsibilities plus member contact numbers and their category of membership. Also, a reminder to look at the Events & Calendar section where the season programme can be downloaded.

2026/2027 Subscriptions

Subscription invoices for the 2026/2027 membership year were sent to all members last week. As always prompt payment would be much appreciated. Also, if possible, could you pay by Internet Banking, as this makes the tracking process of who has paid, a much easier task for us.

New Sponsor

Hutt Valley Urgent Care have come on board as a new sponsor of the club. Thanks go out to Mark O'Connor for supporting us with a sizeable cash contribution.

Sponsorship is one of our main revenue streams and helps us fund events that we hold, as well contributing to payment of expenses that we incur in running the club. If you know of any organisation out there who we could approach, as new sponsor, then please give us the lead and we can follow up with them.



Important Dates for your Calendar

Sunday 13 th September	Hall Hire	12pn – 4.30pm
Monday 14 th September	Board Meeting	7pm - 9pm
Tuesday 15 th September	Hall Hire	4pm to 6.30pm
Friday 18 th September	Bar Food	5.30pm
Saturday 19th September	Season Opening Day	11am to 6pm
Saturday 19 th September	Hall Hire	7pm to 10pm

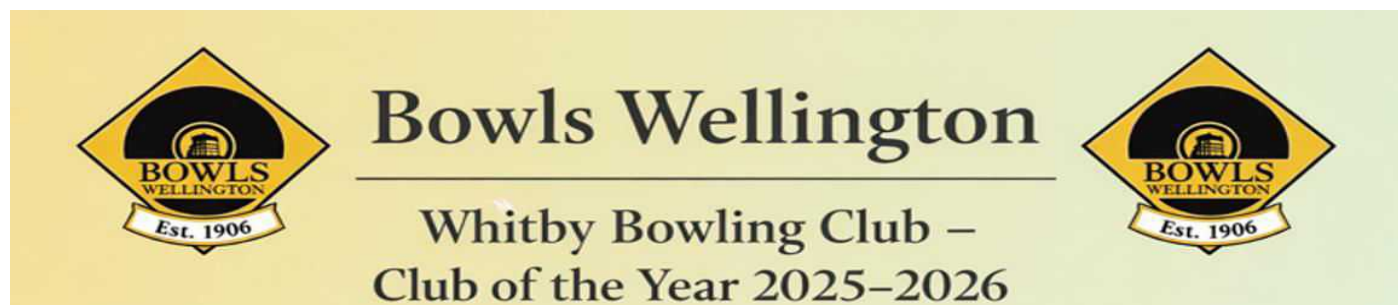
Friday

The bar will be open from 4.30pm to 7pm.

The Joker was not won last week So the amount this week is **\$360**

Members draw at 6pm. It was not won last week so the bar tab this week is **\$20**

Available Joker Numbers



The following numbers are still available for anyone who wants to participate or acquire additional numbers in The Joker. Please remember that if you do take a number, you must pay for the draws that have already taken place during the round, or wait until the start of a new round.

81	82	83
84	85	86

Saturday's Working Bee



Many hands make light work, well that was certainly the case on Saturday morning at the Working Bee. We had a great turn out of gardeners and cleaners at the club, everyone checked the requirements list in the club and got straight to work.

Christine, Maureen, Margret, Sonya, Stephen, Sarah and Sarah got to work on the bank cutting and removing weeds, it was a massive effort to get this side clear as it was full of weeds that were strangling some of the beautiful plants. They made quick work of getting it cleared! Phil also came along the side with the weed eater, followed by Keith who mowed the area as well. It looks amazing now, with space to add a few more plants.



Alan, Derek, Trevor & Liz went about cutting and removing trees and the notoriously difficult agapanthus at the back of the green, making way for more sponsor signs, it was tough work and a lot of muscle was needed but the team did a great job!

Alan also helped a team which included Trevor, Mike, Quinn, Rodney and Glen, to remove the pétanque gravel, taking it down to a nice sandy layer, in preparation for adding grass. The furniture that Simon made was also jet washed. This was back breaking work, with wheelbarrows going back and forth with heaps of gravel! We even had a squeaky wheel, which made for some interesting sounds!

Dervyn spent some time around the deck and side gardens removing weeds and making it look good again, while Terry was busy weeding and cleaning the gutters on green!



Inside and outside the club, Sue, Janet, Diane and Christine Cush were hard at work cleaning the club windows, inside and out, vacuuming and mopping. The club was sparkling by the time they has finished.

Diane also brought out a bucket of soapy water and cleaned all the sponsorship signs!

Even Louise popped in on her Birthday to see what had being done, Simon was with her, checking progress and getting an update in preparation for next weeks Working Bee.

The work that was put in was fantastic! These are all thankless jobs, but keep the club looking fantastic for our events and for visitors to enjoy as well. Thank you again to all who helped on Saturday it was very much appreciated. (If I have forgotten anyone I'm sorry!)



There is another Working Bee this Saturday. Check the board in the club to see what other tasks are needed.

Sarah Haran

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