



WHITBY BOWLING CLUB WEEKLY UPDATE

Week Ending Thursday 20th August 2026



On the Green:

Tawa 2-4-2

We had three Whitby teams competing in the final Rotation A of the year. All three teams won two games and lost one and all three played each other. **Simon and Louise** beat **Allan and Glen**, but lost to **Liz and Janet**, however they then lost to **Allan and Glen**. In a close run things between all three Whitby teams finished 3rd, 4th and 5th, it was only on Ends that saw **Simon and Louise** finishing 3rd followed closely by **Liz and Janet** then **Allan and Glen**.

Winter Bowls – Titahi Bay

The final outing at Titahi Bay in their Winter Fours saw both Whitby teams face each other in the first round. It was a very tight game with little between the sides, with **Simon, Alison, Quinn and Sue** taking on **Kevin, Henry, Rodney and Trevor**. The match finished in a 9–all draw.

Simon, Alison, Quinn and Sue went on to draw again with Island Bay before beating a Titahi Bay team. **Kevin, Henry, Rodney and Trevor** won their final two games and took out their section on the day.

Well done team – great bowls played throughout the day

Interclub & Pennants – Womens

With the season fast approaching, it's time to let us know if you are interested in playing Interclub or Pennants.

Interclub is played on Saturdays, beginning **10 October** and wrapping up before Christmas. There will be **nine rounds**, including **two double-headers**. **This year we are going all out to field a Women's Division team, and we'd love to see our ladies step forward**. Whether you're **new to the game** or an **experienced bowler**, don't hold back — we have plenty of experienced players who are happy to support newer members and help you enjoy this competition.

Women's Pennants also commences in October and runs through to **March**. Played **once a month on a Thursday**, it is a full-day event. We haven't entered a team for the past couple of years due to limited availability, so we're hoping this season will see enough interest to get us back on the green.

To be eligible for either competition, you must be a **full playing member** of the club. And don't forget — **first-year full playing membership is just \$125** for the season.

A sign-up sheet is on the **clubroom notice board**. Please pop your name down or email whitbybowlingclub@gmail.com and if you have any questions, reach out to **Simon – 027 488 8829 (Club Captain)** or **Alison 022 310 3226 (Ladies Convenor for Interclub and Pennants)**.

Interclub & Pennants – Mens

With the season fast approaching, it's time to let us know if you are interested in playing **Interclub** or **Pennants** this year.

Interclub is played on Saturdays, beginning **10 October** and concluding before Christmas. There will be **nine rounds**, including **two double-headers**.

Pennants is played on **Wednesday afternoons**, also starting in October, and runs through to **February** — or **March** if we make the finals.

To be eligible for either competition, you must be a **full playing member** of the club.

Don't hold back. Whether you're **new to the game** or an **experienced bowler**, we'd love to see as many of you as possible out on the green and getting involved.

A sign-up sheet is on the **clubroom notice board** or email whitbybowlingclub@gmail.com Please pop your name down, and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to **Simon 027 488 8829 (Club Captain)**, **Kevin 027 595 9088 (Interclub Convenor)**, or **Henry 027 249 2198 (Pennants Coordinator)**.

Discover Full Playing Membership Join Us on Sunday 30th August 2026

Are you a Limited or Casual member of Whitby Bowling Club? Have you ever wondered what it means to be a Full Playing Member and whether it might be right for you?

Come along to the club on **Sunday 30 August at 3pm** for an informal chat with some of our Full Playing Members. They'll happily answer your questions and talk through how the season works, the different types of competitions, Bowls Wellington events, and the many opportunities available to full members.

It's a relaxed chance to learn more — no pressure, just good information and friendly faces.

If you unable to attend but want to have a chat
Contact Rodney 021 474

Change of Membership Category – 2026 – 2027

As we head into another season, we will soon be sending out invoices and membership cards in readiness for 1 October 2026. It would be helpful if you could let us know whether you would like to change your membership category for the coming year.

Last season we welcomed several new members who joined as **Limited Players to give bowls a try**. We hope that now you've had a go and are enjoying it, you might like to move to Full Membership. *NB: First-year full members receive a significant discount — instead of \$240, the fee is \$125. As a full member, you'll be able to play in all club galas, enter our club championships, and take part in Bowls Wellington competitions — **your bowling world really opens up**.*

We also encourage any of our non-bowlers who are thinking about giving bowls a try this season to consider joining as Limited Players.

Please advise me of any membership changes by **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**, so we can prepare invoices.



Important Dates for your Calendar

Friday 21 st August	Hall Hire	12pm – 4.30pm
Friday 21 st August	Naenae Bowls - If attending please advise Glen or Sue. If you are car pooling be at the club by 9am. All players at Naenae by 9.30am ready to play at 10am	
Friday 21 st August	Bar Food	5.30pm
Saturday 22 nd August	Tawa 2-4-2	
Saturday 22 nd August	PCFC Masters	4pm – 6pm
Sunday 23 rd August	Titahi Bay Cancer Charity Gala	
Sunday 23 rd August	Hall Hire	10am – 12.30pm
Tuesday 25 th August	Hall Hire	4pm – 6.15pm
Friday 28 th August	Bar Food	5.30pm
Saturday 29 th August	Hall Hire	5.30pm – 12.00am
Tuesday 1 st Sept	Hall Hire	4pm – 6.15pm
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	Hall Hire	8.30am – 12pm
Wednesday 2 nd Sept	Indoor Bowls	7pm – 9pm



Friday Club Nights Our Friday nights are always enjoyable — sharing a bite to eat, having a drink, and catching up with each other. It's something we really value over the winter season, especially when the green is closed and we don't get as many chances to gather.

Last Friday we enjoyed one of Christine's lovely meals — **a big THANK YOU to Christine** for her continued support and delicious catering.





Member Spotlight – Janet Bauckham



This edition's Spotlight features one of our newer members — **Janet Bauckham**. Although Janet is relatively new to the club, she already plays a very active role, both on the green and through her support behind the scenes.

We asked Janet a few questions so we can all get to know her a little better.

How long have you been part of the club?

I've been at the club for two years—my first as a social/limited member, followed by my first full year as a playing member. Time flies when you're having fun!

What made you join the club?

Simon and Louise are entirely to blame! They introduced us to bowls one weekend afternoon a couple of years ago, then cleverly followed it up with an invitation to a catered Friday night meal at the club. It was such a welcoming, friendly atmosphere, and the idea of spending summer Friday evenings on the deck with great company, and a drink or two was pretty hard to resist.

What roles or contributions are you currently involved in?

I'm one of the club "chefs" (I use the term generously!) and have also helped to buddy prospective and new members. I'm always happy to lend a hand with events whenever I can, although work has an annoying habit of getting in the way of the level of involvement I'd really like to have.

What motivates you to contribute to the club?

Many hands make light work. If everyone contributes just a little, it makes a huge difference. The club has been incredibly welcoming and generous to me, so giving something back feels like the right thing to do. Clubs don't run themselves, and being involved is a great way to feel connected and part of something bigger than yourself.

What do you enjoy most about being part of our club?

The obvious answer is the bowls, but for me it's really about the friendships I've made and the genuine sense of belonging. It's a place where people look out for each other, have a laugh (or a cry) together, and celebrate each other's successes, both on and off the green.

A fun fact or something people might not know about you:

In a classic case of "it's who you know, not what you know," I was lucky enough to spend an afternoon with The Chase's Sean Wallace, better known as The Dark Destroyer, when he was in Wellington a couple of years ago. He was great fun and incredibly down to earth.

Also..... in case you hadn't noticed, I'm just a *little* bit competitive!

Your favourite club memory or moment:

It's impossible to narrow it down to just one. My first year as a bowler has been packed with memorable moments, new experiences and plenty of laughs. If I had to pick a standout, it would be the Jubilee celebrations. It was wonderful to celebrate the club's rich history while also looking ahead to an exciting future.

Any final comments?

I hope to be part of the club for many years to come. It's exciting to see it continue to grow and evolve, and I'm looking forward to contributing wherever I can, making more great memories, and hopefully winning the odd game along the way!

Bar Food Available This Friday

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American Hot Dog



\$3.50

Chips



\$3.50

Please order at the Bar by 5.30pm

Bar Price Increase

Due to an increase from our supplier, the price of **Guinness and Kilkenny** will rise from **\$8.50** to **\$9.00**.

Friday

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

The Joker was not won last week So the amount this week is **\$120**

Members draw at 6pm. It was not won last week so the bar tab this week is **\$40**

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.

25	36	50
58	59	76



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