WHITBY BOWLING CLUB WEEKLY UPDATE



Week Ending Thursday 29th October 2026



On the Green:

Plimmerton Summer Triples Gala

On 22nd October a full field of 16 teams took part in the latest Plimmerton Summer Triples Gala.
The team of **Glen, Derek & Ian** had good success with two wins (12/7 & 7/6) in the morning but unfortunately lost their afternoon game (9/11) in a tight contest. The team of **Alison, Trevor & Keith** played inconsistently throughout the day resulting in just one win (11/9) and two losses (5/9 & 5/8). The next round of the Northern Zone Thursday galas is on 05 November at Tawa BC.





Bowls Wellington Mixed Pairs – 24th – 26th October We had three teams representing the club in the Mixed Pairs competition: **Mike & Janet, Liz & Simon, and Louise & Shane**. The weather was far from kind, and all three teams deserve credit for battling through some pretty challenging conditions.

Mike & Janet travelled to Tawa over Labour Weekend to compete in the Mixed Pairs Championship, where they encountered strong opposition and some challenging weather conditions, with gusty winds making for a testing day on the green.

They played some quality bowls throughout the competition but found it difficult to maintain the consistency needed to secure a win. In their opening match against Masterton, they showed plenty of determination, recovering from a slow start and eventually scoring 12 shots after being scoreless for several ends. They then faced Island Bay in their second game, but despite a spirited effort were unable to come away with the win, ending their hopes of qualifying for post-section play.

While the results did not fall their way, the event provided a valuable opportunity to test themselves against experienced opposition and gain further competitive experience.

A great effort from our second-year bowlers, who represented the club with determination and enthusiasm in challenging conditions.

Liz & Simon faced a tough draw and some howlingly windy conditions throughout the competition. While the results did not quite go their way, they played some excellent bowls against strong opposition.

After getting off to a promising start, they were comprehensively beaten in their opening game. They then suffered a narrow loss in their second match before bouncing back with a convincing win in their third game, a result that prevented their opponents from progressing further in the competition.

A great effort by both players in very challenging conditions.

Shane and Louise played at Johnsonville, where they faced a very experienced field, including representative player **Taui White**.

This was the first time Shane and Louise had competed in this event and also the first time they had played together as a pair. While they were unable to secure a win, it was a valuable learning experience.

They received some great feedback and encouragement from Taui and his playing partner, **Tanya Wheeler**, which was very positive and reassuring.

Well done, Shane and Louise. You now have your first event under your belt, and it's onwards and upwards from here!

Silverstream Junior 1-5 Year 242 Pairs

Our mother-and-son combination, **Sarah and Quinn**, competed in the Silverstream Junior 1-5 Year 242 Pairs tournament last weekend.

It was a mixed weekend for the pair, with Day 1 proving challenging against some strong opposition, and unfortunately they were unable to secure a win.

However, they bounced back impressively on Day 2 in Section 4 play. In their first game, they found themselves trailing 2-11 after the opening ends but showed great determination to fight their way back. With the scores level at 13-all heading into the final end, they held their nerve to win both the end and the game. Janet and Mike were there to witness the exciting finish.

Their second game was the first of two matches against Miramar teams. After a much stronger start, Sarah and Quinn claimed another win. Although they were unable to win their third match, their two victories were enough to see them finish **3rd in their division**.

This was a fantastic effort from both players. With Sarah in her first year of bowls and the pair competing together in this event for the first time, finishing third in their division was an excellent achievement.

Congratulations Sarah and Quinn on a wonderful tournament. No doubt it was both an enjoyable and valuable experience, and one that will hold you in good stead for future competitions. 🌟🏆








Plimmerton Centenary Invitational Tiger Turf Competition

As part of the **Plimmerton Bowling Club Centenary Celebrations**, a team from Whitby Bowling Club competed in the Invitational Tiger Turf Competition. Representing Whitby were **Kevin, Reece, Mark and Phil**.

After the first day of competition, the team recorded one win and two losses. Unfortunately, Mark was forced to withdraw due to injury, with **Liz** stepping in to support the team on Sunday.

Despite their best efforts, results did not go their way on the second day, with the team recording three further losses. Players had to contend with very challenging conditions throughout the weekend, particularly on Sunday when strong winds made play difficult. While the team struggled to adapt to the conditions, they remained positive and competitive throughout the event.

Although the results were not what they had hoped for, it was a great experience for the team to be involved in such a significant occasion and to be part of **Plimmerton Bowling Club's centenary celebrations**.

Ryman Healthcare Men's Pennants

Division 2 - Pennants 8s Round 2

Despite the challenging windy conditions at Lyall Bay, both Whitby teams recorded impressive wins.

Team A - Trevor, Simon, Reece & Kevin were involved in a closely contested match throughout, holding their nerve to secure a thrilling **12-11 victory on the final shot**. Well done, team!

Team B - Henry, Keith, Glen & Geoff got off to a flying start and never looked back, recording a dominant **28-7 win**.

With both teams winning, Whitby collected the **maximum six competition points for the round**, a fantastic result and a great reward for everyone's efforts.

Congratulations to all players on an outstanding team performance! 👏🏆

Pennants 4s Quad

The Pennants 4s Quad team of **Bob, Derek, John and Brian** travelled to Johnsonville to take on the home side in very windy but sunny conditions.

It was a closely fought contest from start to finish, with Whitby holding a 16-11 lead heading into the final end. While the last end proved a little more exciting than the team would have liked, conceding four shots, they held on to secure a hard-earned **16-15 victory**.

Winning away from home against Johnsonville on their own green is never an easy task, making this an excellent result for the team.

Congratulations Bob, Derek, John and Brian on a well-deserved win. 👏🏆

Shade Mesh All Gone

Great news, all of the shade mesh has now been taken and found a new home.

If you happened to take more than you need, Phil Rhodes would be grateful for any spare pieces you may have available.



Important Dates for your Calendar

Friday 30th October	Friday Bowls	3pm – 5pm
Friday 30th October	Bar Food Available	5.30pm
Saturday 31st October	Interclub Round 3	
Tuesday 3rd November	Club Bowls	12.45pm – 2.45pm
Tuesday 3rd November	Hall Hire	4pm – 6.15pm
Wednesday 4th November	Hall Hire	8.30am – 12pm
Wednesday 4th November	Pennants Round 3	1pm – 4pm
Wednesday 4th November	Twilight Community Bowls	5pm – 8pm
Thursday 5th November	Tawa Gala	12pm – 5pm
Thursday 5th November	Coaching & Skills	6pm – 7.30pm
Friday 6th November	Friday Bowls	3pm – 5pm
Friday 6th November	Bar Food	5.30pm
Saturday 7th November	Interclub Round 4 & 5	
Saturday 7th November	Hall Hire	4pm – 10pm
Monday 9th November	Fowler Cup	9am – 5pm
Monday 9th November	Function	7pm – 9pm
Tuesday 10th November	Club Bowls	12.45pm – 2.45pm
Tuesday 10th November	Hall Hire	4pm – 6.15pm
Wednesday 11th November	Pennants Round 4	
Wednesday 11th November	Twilight Community Bowls	5pm – 8pm
Thursday 12th November	Whitby Gala	12pm – 5pm
Thursday 12th November	Hall Hire	7pm – 9.30pm



A Warm Welcome to our New Members

Please join us in extending a very warm welcome to our newest members – **Maddisyn van Bosch** and **Wayne Rogers.**

Maddisyn is Gav's daughter and a regular participant in our Twilight Community Bowls event. She attends Aotea College and joins us as a student player.

Wayne attended our first Have a Go Day and enjoyed the game so much he has joined us as a limited playing member.

If you see **Maddisyn & Wayne** around the greens or in the clubhouse, please take a moment to introduce yourselfand say hello. Making new members feel welcome is something our club does exceptionally well.

We are delighted to have you both as part of the Whitby Bowling Club family and wish you many enjoyable years of friendship and bowling. – **Welcome aboard!**



Message from Diane

Christmas is fast approaching and it is the time of the year when local businesses and community groups reach out to us to see if we can host their celebrations. These get togethers often involve bowling, tasty nibbles and a social drink. It is a great way to introduce people to the sport as often it is the first time they have picked up a bowl. It also brings income into the club.

We are mindful of our bowlers when planning these events and appreciate that we sometimes ask you to share our green with these visitors. **We also need support with setting up the rinks and providing a bit of guidance on what to do and how to play the game.** Many hands make light work so please help when you can.

Participation in Our Club Bowls especially on a Friday has seen fewer members attending and playing this year. For us to consider what could be done to lift participation we would like to talk to those who do attend. We are looking for suggestions; no idea is a silly idea so please bring your thoughts to either **Hamish or Diane.**

We are very fortunate as a club to receive support from some wonderful sponsors and club members. Whenever we hold a function at the club when our bar is open to people who are not members, guests of members or members of affiliated clubs we have to get a special licence. One of the requirements when obtaining a special license is we always have to have a certified manager on duty at the club. Last weekend we hosted a wedding for a local couple. Neither of our certified managers were available until later in the evening. When we reached out to **Nicola, Owner/Operator of our local New World** who holds a manager's certificate, Nicola willingly agreed to help us out by being our manager for the first half of the wedding celebration. Then later in the evening after a day of bowls **Simon** stepped in and took over.





We are always aware of what our sponsors and club members do for the club, and we know without it we wouldn't be the club we are and we wouldn't be able to support our community as we do.

On this occasion a **special thank you to Nicola and also to Darren, Bob, Simon, Liz and Louise.**

Last weekend **Plimmerton Bowling Club celebrated their centenary** with a weekend of bowls, a celebration dinner and a wine and cheese opening event. It was great for us to involved and to share in the occasion with our many friends at their club.







Supporting members by providing coaching to help each of us grow our skills and reach our potential is still a focus for the club. Tailoring a programme for our intermediate and newer bowlers is the next step. Watch out for more information in the coming weeks.



Bar Food Available This Friday

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Build your own

Chickenburgers



$6.50

Hamburgers



$6.50

Chips



$3.50

Please order at the Bar by 5.30pm

Friday

The bar will be open from 4.30pm to 7pm.
The Joker was not won last week so the amount this week is **$180**
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**	**38**	**39**
43	**50**	**58**	**59**

Bowls Wellington

Whitby Bowling Club –
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