

KINGFISHER



New Members

The club would like to welcome all of our new members. We hope you enjoy your time bowling and socialising.

Get involved with the club's bowling events; these could be informal roll ups, or more formal club events. We would also encourage you to contribute to the smooth running of the club by helping out with any of the day-to-day tasks.

Commonwealth Games

Many of you would have seen Bill Barwood and Carolyn Hunter on Breakfast TV talking about our support for Sue Curran and Bronwyn Milne at the Commonwealth games.

Several of our members suitably kitted-out in the club uniform could be seen in the background (demonstrating their bowling skills!?)

New Season Start

Welcome to the start of our new season. Time to dust off your bowling bowls and get involved in our new 2022-23 programme.

Unlike past years, you will see that thanks to our new carpet green our new programme runs for a full year. Many of our members have continued to enjoy regular Roll Ups and events throughout the autumn and winter periods. The carpet green has drained well during the inclement weather, so play has continued uninterrupted.

For those of you that have not yet bowled on the new carpet green, you will need to adjust your aiming line and weight of shot to the new surface. The carpet surface is still bedding-in, but we will not be able to get the carpet re-stretched for a few months so we will have to put up with a few strange shots (that wander in their travels due to a prominent carpet seam).

While not still usable, our number 2 green is recovering well from all of the work that Tony Gray has done. This will soon allow us to use both greens (e.g. green 1 for club events, and green 2 for roll ups).

Green 3 was re-seeded and will soon be available for car parking. Priority will be given to members with mobility issues.

Bowls Facts

Bowls 3/5: this is a relatively new format of the game that some of you may have seen televised.

The format is two bowl triples, with each game played over two sets, and each set consisting of five ends.

The aim of Bowls 3/5 is to speed up the game in the hope that this will attract younger people to the game of lawn bowls.

Bowls Etiquette

Get to your allotted rink and get yourself ready as soon as possible so that you do not delay the start of the game.

Behind the Scenes

Alan Malloy gets our tea/coffee ready at the end of our playing session. He also cleans up the kitchen and function room areas when we have left. Thank you for your contribution.

Forthcoming Events

Our new programme gets underway on Friday 2nd September with an Open Tournament starting at 9:30.

On Saturday 10th September there will be a Club event starting at 9:30. Being the 'opening' event of the year, a special timetable is planned that will be emailed once finalised.

You will note that Roll Ups at the week-end are now held on Sundays, leaving Saturday clear for more formal events.

On Monday 12th September at 10:00 the first coaching event is being held. Although open to all members, we would encourage those new to the game of lawn bowls to attend. Coaching can be arranged to suit individual needs if the allocated time is not suitable.

On Saturday 17th September starting at 9:30 there will be a Bowls 3/5 event.

CBC Member Handbook

Many of you will have received an electronic copy of the 2022-23 Member Handbook recently (as an email attachment) so that you could check your own details. The Handbook was updated then sent to the printers - hard copies will be made available soon from the clubhouse.

Seasons Magazine

Some of you may be familiar with the over-50s magazine "Seasons". The September issue will feature an advertorial about our club. The objective is to encourage people in this age group to seriously consider taking up Lawn Bowls as a hobby by joining our club.

A Few Words from our President

Welcome to this first edition of Kingfisher for the 2022-23 year. We hope that you enjoy it and we encourage you to make contributions when you have some news or items of interest.

Congratulations to Sue Curran and Bronwyn Milne for being members of the Para Blackjack team at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games recently.

Congratulations to Liz Gibson for her selection in the Waikato Under 5 Women's team to play North Harbour.

A reminder that we are a club that requires members and visitors to be fully vaccinated to play here.

Well done to members who have recently changed to using bowling arms that make delivery of the bowl easier for them and eliminates 'dumping' that does damage the artificial surface.

The Club has 3 bowling arms and is purchasing another as well as a bowls 'launcher' so that members who are having issues with smooth delivery have options available to them that prolong their bowling careers.

A bit of light relief

Some of our newer members will not have seen this.

KITTY AND JACK

My husband took up bowling
and he bragged upon the phone
about some dame called Kitty
whom he couldn't leave alone

He played with Kitty
he stayed with Kitty
he picked her up without a hitch
he missed Kitty
he kissed Kitty
he even laid beside her in the ditch

So I took up bowling
to win my hubby back
and found that what he could do with Kitty,
I could do with Jack

Some interesting details about lawn bowls:

Bowls are no longer made of wood, not completely spherical and not weighted.

The introduction of the bias to the spherical design of bowls is reported to have happened by accident. In 1522 the Duke of Suffolk, whose bowl split in two pieces on striking another bowl, removed the spherical knob from the banister post in his castle to provide a replacement. The flat cut caused this substitute bowl to roll with a bias enabling the Duke to curve his bowl around others in the head. He passed on this knowledge to his friends and in the course of time biased bowls came into general use.

Later, the bias was intentionally produced by inserting a weight on one side of the bowl. Today, the bias is achieved entirely by the design shape of the bowl, which is that of a sphere, slightly flattened on one side and protuberant on the other, with a low and high shoulder on the running surface. The extent of the bias was not stipulated prior to 1871 and no testing was required. The bowls were entirely hand turned and finished and it was impossible for bowls turners to make accurately matched bowls.

The original bowls were made from stone but after 1409 bowls were made of wood. Initially they were made from Boxwood, Holly, Yew or Oak but after the 16th century the exceptionally hard wood Lignum Vitae from Santa Domingo in the Caribbean was used to make the woods.

The sport of bowls grew in popularity and spread throughout the British Empire. This wood which was an ideal material for bowls in cooler climates was not suitable for the conditions in hotter and drier climates as it was prone to warp and crack. A different material was also needed as the supply of good hard-wood was becoming progressively scarcer.

In 1918 in Australia, David Hensell joined forces with the Dunlop Rubber Co., to produce the first vulcanite (hard rubber) bowls. These bowls were used Internationally as they far superseded the handling and accuracy of the wooden bowls, especially in countries like New Zealand and South Africa. However, the search was still on to find a material not susceptible to heat and climatic conditions. In 1931, Henselite produced the first successful phenol formaldehyde resin compound bowl – the largest solid mass of this material that had ever been produced. The science and art of bowl-manufacturing has progressed since then in many ways, but the same compound is still in use today by major manufactures of bowls.

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Riki, your pleasant and personable contact at Seddon Park was born and raised in Otorohanga. She is blessed to have come from a large, loving, and supportive family which has stood her well in experiencing personal loss. She clearly understands the overwhelming number of emotions that grief can often bring to families. Riki says it is a privilege to support and guide families through one of life's hardest journeys.

Outside of work, Riki is known as the crazy cat lady! She loves spending time with family, friends enjoying lots of food, music and good old belly laughs.

Thank you Riki and Seddon Park Funeral Home for supporting our club so generously.

Contact Riki on 846 1561



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