



RAUMATI BLUES NEWS

# Raumati Bowling Club

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## President's message

It's been a busy and rewarding few weeks and there is still more to come as we near the end of the season. A highlight will be the National Interclub Finals in Auckland next month at which our Raumati Women's team will be competing. Then suddenly it will be time for the annual VC Cup which will, hopefully, be played on a new TigerTurf Barlow green. Weather permitting, a start to the installation of the green will be made on the 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Your Executive is preparing for the AGM which will be held in the morning of Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. As part of this we will be confirming your committee for the new season and therefore will be calling for nominations soon. If you would like to know what is involved, please chat with any of the current committee.

There are also opportunities outside the Executive, with groups such as Social, Greens, Maintenance and Bar all in need of extra hands. See detail below or if you'd like to help out please email:

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Michelle

## Closing day – change of date

The closing day will now be Saturday 25 May. The date has been changed because of a clash with a Men's event held in Levin. More details to follow.

## Mixed Champ of Champs 2-4-2 Pairs – 18/19 May

This is a new Centre event being held on 18 and 19 May and it is being held at our club. Although it is a Centre event, it is in fact open to anyone as long as both players are from the same club. It leads onto a National final as none of our clubs held a mixed 2-4-2 this year. The National Final event is to be held on 16-18 August.

## Fundraiser for The Nest Collective



KapaKapanui Lions ran a very successful Charity Bowling Tournament on 16 March to raise funds for The Nest Collective. There were 54 players and all enjoyed the lovely weather, some good bowls and the usual delicious lunch provided by the Lions Club. Many raffles were won too and The Nest Collective were presented with a cheque for \$2,400.00 – well done to everyone who supported this day.

## School Bowls – Raumati Beach Primary School



The sessions on a Tuesday morning are continuing to be enjoyed by pupils of Raumati Beach Primary School. The feedback has been positive. Some children have brought their parents to the club on Fridays to show them what its all about and take part in “Have a Go”.

A big thankyou to all of you who have given up your time to help show these kids what the game we love is all about.

## Men’s Singles Final/Kapiti Masters Triples



It’s been a rewarding time for Reg Goston. While his name appears frequently on the Honours Board, Reg continues to achieve. Over the last couple of weeks, he has won a nail-biting singles final against David Hawken and was part of the Kapiti Masters Triples which was unbeaten against the five other Centres. Great stuff Reg.



## Women’s Singles

There were some stunning bowls played in the club Women’s Singles. The four who qualified were Pat Taylor, Rochelle and Audrey Stevenson and Michelle Macdonald. The final was between Rochelle and Michelle with Michelle prevailing. Michelle will now represent the club at the Champion of Champions singles.

## Men’s Singles



Aside from Reg winning the Open title, Laurie Flynn was forced to draw on all his 4 years’ experience to beat Phil Walker and take the JUNIOR title. On the way, Laurie toppled the defending champion Chris Macdonald in a nail-biting semi-final, 21-20, while Phil defeated Allen

Hutchison.

In the NOVICE singles, Trevor and Ike had a ding dong battle too! 21-20 to Ike. It’s great to see the talent among our Junior and Novice bowlers.



## Business House Bowls Success



Hilarity, noise, laughter and quite a bit of skill were evident over the five weeks of Business House Bowls. Again this event proved enormously successful for the club- great promotion, a decent financial return and the definite prospect of several new members.

A superb effort from Fletch and his enthusiastic team of club helpers. Howard and Co, our leading sponsor, finished as the champions.

## Social events

The End of Month BBQ is to be held on Friday, 29 March from 5pm – last one for the summer season. If you wish to attend, please email Karen or put your name on the board. Salads and desserts welcome too.

Also a request from the Social Committee – they urgently need a few more members to either join the committee or assist on the day with set up/preparation etc. If you can help for a few hours occasionally that would help spread the load and make it easier for Karen and her team. You can call Karen on 021 266 1147 for more information.

## Greens team

The Greens team work very hard to keep our greens looking as beautiful as they are. They can always do with an extra pair of hands so if you can spare a couple of hours on a Monday morning, they would be very appreciative. Please email Ted Marshall [kipted@gmail.com](mailto:kipted@gmail.com) or Rob Nicholson [robnic53@gmail.com](mailto:robnic53@gmail.com) if you can help.

## New members

We would like to welcome the following new members to our club:

Full member: Luciano Giacon (has rejoined)

Associate members: Richard Irving

Social members David Bignell, Cathy Myers, Lisa Delaney, Jo Lewis, and Selma Simmons

## Uniform Sale

We have quite a lot of uniform items in stock and intend to have a sale soon – we'll let you know timing and costs, but it might be an ideal time to pick up that extra shirt or pair of pants.

**Raumati Bowling Club Calendar** - <https://www.raumatibowlingclub.co.nz/raumati-calendar/>

Remember to check the club calendar on the website which has all the club events, centre events and the private hires. Take a look at this – if you touch an entry, it will show you details of time and venue. The website also features Hot News, the draws and results of our events and the latest photos.

A lot of information is placed on our Facebook page and recently John has added some live action from our events. It really is the place to keep informed about our players and their successes. Joining our Facebook does not mean you will be required to post anything but is by far the most popular means of communicating among bowls clubs.

Enjoy your bowls.

Best wishes,  
Your Executive Team