



RAUMATI BLUES NEWS

Raumati Bowling Club

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President's message

Hi everyone

The new season has started in earnest, with three of our club championships already decided and another at post section stage until the weather intervened.

I'm sure you're all enjoying playing on the newly resurfaced Barlow Green. We have had very positive comments from members of other clubs as to how well it is playing.

Behind the scenes your Board has been working hard, and although you may not necessarily see what we are working on, rest assured that we are striving to make the Home of the Blues the best bowling club on the Kapiti Coast.

Just one of the things that we've been working on is a **Strategic Plan** that is our five-year roadmap for the Club. Our **vision** is to:

- To deliver bowls that is enjoyable, entertaining and accessible to all
- To support and encourage our members to achieve success on the green to the highest standard
- To support and grow a vibrant and healthy bowling club within the Kapiti/Raumati community

To deliver on this vision we have committed to the following key strategies:

- Secure new funding partners and sponsors so that RBC can develop and remain sustainable
- Achieve success on the green
- Achieve improvements to club facilities
- Increase diversity of club membership
- Increase utilisation of club facilities
- Expand bowling events
- Update the club's technologies

Our Secretary role

As many of you will be aware Alex Reid has been unwell, and this has meant that he has been unable to continue with the Secretary role. A big thankyou to Alex and the enthusiasm that he brought to the role in the short time that he filled it.

An even bigger thankyou to both Laurie Flynn and Moira Wilson for stepping into the breach and doing such a great job.

The Board has the ability to co-opt members to the Board and we're pleased to announce that Anne Chatterley has been appointed to the role of Club Secretary. Anne is a new member of the Club and has significant administrative experience that she will bring to the role. Please make Anne welcome when you next see her (she's often at the Club on Friday evenings). Moria and Laurie will again be supporting Anne as she comes to grips with the role.

Club Captain's message

With the new season in full swing, it's timely to remind members of some behavioural etiquette within the club. Some people are more sensitive than others to personal comments. Some might find them humourous, others offensive. So, in general it pays to think before you speak to avoid offending a fellow member.

On the green, some players can quickly 'lose their rag'. Please don't verbalise your frustration so that everyone can hear. If you must make critical comments do so out of the earshot of others, or just take a breath, smile and continue to enjoy your bowls.

Club Championships

Our Club Championships are now well under way.

Three titles have been decided and, but for the weather, the Women's Triples would also have been completed.



The first winners for 2024-25 were Neal Pritchard, Reg Goston and John McBeth in the **Men's Triples**. In the final, they defeated David Hawken, Chris Macdonald and Trevor Nielsen. As Neal needed to rush away immediately after the game, we've dragged up an old photo of the three!

Chris went one better when, a week later he joined wife Michelle, Graeme Corlett and Lisa White to win the **Mixed Fours**. The runners-up were Sue Stevens, Laurie Flynn, and Marie and Michael Crooke who have both settled in extremely well at the Home of the Blues.





A day later Trevor Nielsen skipped Kathy Edney-Meechan and Maureen Gestro to win our **Bowls 3 Five** title.

Social events coming up



Melbourne Cup is on **Tuesday 5th November** and is a very popular and well attended event. There will be a sweepstake being managed by Mike and Murray who did a fantastic job last year. It will be catered for by the social committee members and is free, so come along and enjoy. The event will be shown on the TV and it starts at 5.00pm NZ time. Come along from 3.00pm to get your sweepstake and secure your table. Please either put your name on the board in the clubhouse or let Karen Blakey know on karenblakey550@gmail.com for catering purposes.



Our Christmas Dinner is being held on Saturday 23rd November (all the details will be emailed next week).

Any questions, please contact Karen Blakey

karenblakey550@gmail.com

New members:

We would like to welcome the following new members

Deane Searancke	43 Cheltenham Drive Paraparaumu	021 08413652	Limited Playing
Phil Chatterley	155A Raumati Rd, Raumati	021 2271965	Social Playing
Anne Chatterley	155A Raumati Rd, Raumati	021 1911677	Social Playing
Glen Carter	25A Margaret Rd, Raumati	04 297 9172	Social Playing
Sonja Dowle	40 Titoki Road, Waikanae	027 245 1759	Non Playing

A new addition...

Congratulations to Amanda and Ike Takiwa on the safe arrival of Rico!



Help needed

We have several groups coming over the next 8 weeks to try our sport and join with their work/sports groups for Christmas parties at the club. Some of these groups also came last year so will have the rudiments of the game already. You may not always be needed for the whole time - depending on how the session goes. As well as promoting our game to many, there is also a significant \$\$'s earned for the club, which helps to keep your subs down.

A list is on a clipboard on one of the tables at the club - please add your name if you can assist or contact Sue McFarlane on 021 064 8251 or email rbc.hire53@gmail.com. These groups are generally quite fun and if they are spread across many members this should not be a burden to anyone. You don't need to be an experienced bowler or coach - just be able to demonstrate the basics.

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 click on 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. Our *Facebook* page is also very informative.

Best wishes,
Your Executive Team