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Bowls North Harbour Club of the Year

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QUIZ EVENTS

Quiz Night - Free Entry
7pm Thursday 12 January
Non-members welcome
Enter on the night

Quiz Partners:
Tim Roskrige of Barfoot & Thompson Birkenhead and Bill Hansen

On the Greens

Wednesday 11 January - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)
Saturday 14 January - 1pm Afternoon Roll-up AC-Single Entry
Friday 13 January – **BNH Umpires Association (OACT) – Garry Moverley Memorial – Lunch provided**
Monday 16 January - You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five
Wednesday 18 January 9.30am Wednesday Triples (OACT) -BYO Lunch
Friday 20 January – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2-) Team & Single/Individual Entry
Saturday 21 January – 8.30am 1-5 Year Championship Pairs (AC)
Sunday 22 January – 8.30am Men's Championship Fours – continues to 26/2
Monday 23 January - You Travel Birkenhead Social Bowls3Five
Wednesday 25 January - 10am Club Day (AC – Single/Individual Entry)
Friday 27 January – 1pm 2-4-2 Pairs (OACP 2-4-2-) Team & Single/Individual Entry
Saturday 28 January – **Carole Fredrick Invitation Women's Triples – Lunch provided**
Monday 30 January – 8.30am Women's Championship Singles – continues to 26/2

Inside this Weekend

Due to availability of staff, opening and closing times may change without notice.

Friday 13 January - Open 3.30pm – Club Night
Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500
Racing – Tauranga (Thoroughbreds), Nelson (Harness), Addington, Palmerston North (Dogs)

Saturday 14 January – Open 11am
Racing – Trentham, Wingatui (Thoroughbreds)

Sunday 15 January – Open 11am
Darts Section (in the Hive) 3pm - Shanghai Sunday – darts with a twist, new players welcome
Racing – Nelson (Harness), Southland, Manukau (Dogs)
** Sports viewing selection is determined by the members.*

Functions at Birkenhead Bowling Club

Corporate Events , Company Social Events , Weddings,
Birthday Celebrations , Anniversary Parties , Breakfasts

A Coach Remembers

by Keith Burgess

Shane first joined the Birkenhead Club in the 2000-2001 season. There's no doubting that he had a natural ability for the game. He had a good delivery, a good listener and he practiced. Like most of us he had decided winning is more fun than losing and most all was a good sport. His record reads well. He won the under Five singles, Pairs and Fours. His Senior Record was Champ Pairs 2x, Triples 2x, Singles 1, Fours 1.

There's no doubt he loved the game and enjoyed the company, he was a pleasure to play with.

Shane as you may know was plagued with ill health from age Seven, he had a loving family which ensured he got the best possible medical care and Shane of course decided he was going to lead as normal a life as his health dictated.

I remember when his health took a downward turn and he was hospitalised. It had got to the stage when Shane required a Heart and Kidney replacement and there was some doubt as to whether Shane was in good enough condition to survive this. At the last-minute Doctors decided to put Shane on the organ waiting list. Unbelievably a new Heart became available within a week and in a nick of time. Ian McCallam and I visited Shane before the operation to wish well. In conversation I asked Shane who would he like to play next Season, he named his Fours team. We confirmed they would be ready... we left Hospital and it was no surprise to see Big Mac shedding a few tears.

The Heart Transplant went well on day one followed by the Kidney transplant on day two. Shane made an amazing recovery and joined his team the following Season.

Shane's return to green went well he was selected to play to the pairs for the North Harbour Reps partnering his old friend Rod Mahon. I will remember the good times, the trips to the Taranaki Fours, the competitions we played in the fun we had. You were the best of friends.

It was wonderful that you meet Natalie who was to become his loving partner for the remainder of his Life,

Thank you for coming my way Shane and save a place in your team for me
Coach

Shane Gibson

by Lindsay Knight

Shane Gibson, who was admired by all in the North Harbour centre for his courage in battling a battery of health issues, passed away last week, aged in his mid 40s.

Despite his many ailments, Shane was something of a medical marvel, becoming an excellent bowler who represented North Harbour regularly at junior, development and open levels.

In 2007 at the age of 30 he underwent both heart and kidney transplants. These came after a virtual lifetime of health struggles which started with a rare blood disorder in his childhood.

By the age of 11 he had had a marrow transplant and his organs were so weakened that before he was 30 he had suffered 12 heart attacks and had had 11 stents inserted.

As a youngster Shane had been a promising tennis player and because of his health he switched in 2000 to the gentler exercise of bowls.

Most of his bowls was at the Birkenhead club, where he came under the wing of stalwarts like Keith Burgess, Lionel Drew and especially Rod Mahon.

He won several club titles, including against a strong field in 2006 the open singles when he was on dialysis. But despite being in six finals a centre open title eluded him. At national level he suffered similar frustration when in 2010 he and Mahon were narrowly beaten in the Trusts New Zealand Open at Henderson in the pairs final. That year Shane also made the singles semi-finals and the triples quarter-finals.

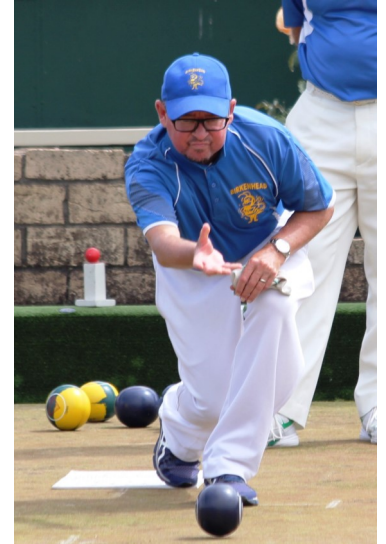
His bowls feats were matched by his academic achievements: a business studies degree from Massey University and studies and lecturing roles in sports management.

He worked for a time for Bowls New Zealand and in 2018 was appointed North Harbour's secretary-manager, only for his health to force him to step down after a brief period.

It was typical of his spirit that just before Christmas, when he knew his time was up, he posted on Facebook a farewell filled with humour to his many friends.

Rest in peace, Shane.

A celebration of Shane Gibson's life will be held today, Wednesday 11 January at 2pm at All Saints Chapel, Purewa Cemetery, 100 St John's Road, Meadowbank.




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A Busy Start

We left 2022 behind us, departing New Year's Eve to the tunes of Happy Fish. To date 2023 has been a busy year with New Year's Day a sold out \$1,000 pairs afternoon. The following day it was into the nationals with the Men's Pairs for two days of qualifying and one day of post section on the top green. Friday with the men's pairs champions (Tony Grantham & Gary Larson) along with the women's singles champion (Selina Goddard) found the previous day, it was the men's turn for singles and the women for pairs. Both days of qualifying were hindered by the weather with the women's pairs qualifying being moved from Birkenhead to a carpet out west. The men's singles hung in there on the top green and got through all the games, a tribute to all those involved in producing such a quality green. Saturday post section, Birkenhead was the only natural green in operation for the Nationals, all the others were on carpet. Men's Post section singles compliments on the state of the top green came all nationals, the one that stands out was Shannon McIlroy after completing Saturday's play "I'd like to pick up this green and take it to Browns Bay tomorrow", McIlroy went on the make but lose the final to Gore's Sheldon Bagrie-Howley.

So that was the Nationals at Birkenhead as we move on back into the Centre and Club programme. A big thankyou to Bernie Hall, Terry Moverley, Emmie Swart and Doug Campbell for their part working tirelessly across the eight days of the Nationals making them the successful that they were at Birkenhead.

Not forgotten, a thank you to our markers Vaughan Henderson, Lionel Drew, Linda Tupp (Northcote), Steve Arms, Bob Murphy, Nigel Armstrong (Northcote). John Hannan, Neville Hill (Onehunga & Districts), Sydney Walker, Mark Cartwright, Katrina Cartwright, Sandy Cleghorn, Barry Reyland, Jimmy Heath & John Croy out there in all weathers assisting the players.

Waitangi Day Charity Tournament

This season it will again be in support of Harbour Hospice, Monday 6 February 2023 Items to donate for raffles and auctions contact Joseph Korkis. Entries are now open (team names on white board in the Club), teams are encouraged to include a non-bowler in their team. After all this is a fundraiser day for a fantastic cause, the town hall clock is not on the line.

Line Dancing Notice

by Elaine Utting

Line Dancing with Dominic Tesoriero at the Birkenhead Bowling Club rooms starting again next Tuesday January 17th at 2pm. \$5 each and everyone is welcome

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Let's Rock for Lachie

Join Barfoot and Thompson for a one-off fundraising concert for Lachie Love (see article below) with legendary rock band, THE SOUL AGENTS. Saturday 21 January at Birkenhead Bowling Club from 7pm. Tickets \$45 per person, includes catered supper, all funds raised go directly to Lachie Love. Limited tickets available to Birkenhead members from Emmie, ph/txt 0275 297297.

Lachie Love: Heartbroken family of 8-year-old with aggressive brain tumour want year of joy for son

Reproduced from NZ Herald (9 January 2023)

By Kirsty Wynn

When larger-than-life Lachie Love tells friends about the new scar across the back of his head he jokes it is from a shark.

The 8-year-old boy "with a sparkle in his eyes" knows it really has something to do with the "egg in his head affecting his vision", but for Lachie, the shark story is a bit more fun. For his parents, Andy and Liesje Love, the scar represents every parent's worst nightmare and came after their son was diagnosed with an incurable brain tumour.

The Auckland schoolboy was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour called Diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) on December 29.

The family first realised something was not right when Lachie started squinting in one eye just before Christmas.

"We thought it was a bit weird but we thought perhaps there was just some visual things going on," mum Liesje said.

"The next day he had a bit of a lazy eye and there were other things like issues with his sleep, waking at midnight, and being restless."

A visit to the optometrist saw Lachie prescribed glasses but because of how suddenly the issues cropped up he was also referred to an ophthalmologist for further testing.

Within days there were further referrals, a trip to Starship children's hospital, MRIs, a biopsy and then the diagnosis.

"That diagnosis was horrendous to hear. It was absolutely devastating," Liesje said.

"Our amazing GP had already seen it come through and she spoke to us beforehand - she wanted us to go in and be able to talk about the options of treatment and not just hear the diagnosis.

"A lot of people hear the word cancer or tumour and they switch off - they don't hear anything else."

As a clinical psychologist who has worked at Starship helping families cope with diagnosis and grief, Liesje knows better than most of the challenges her family has before them.

"It's time for me to walk the talk," she said.

She also knows the unfortunate prognosis of children with tumours like Lachie's.

They know there is no proven treatment for DIPG apart from radiation therapy to shrink the tumour and give Lachie as much time as possible to enjoy his life.

On Wednesday Lachie will have a mask fitting for his radiation therapy, which will start in a couple of weeks.

He'll have six weeks of radiation as an outpatient, and rescan after a couple of weeks.

There are other clinical trials Liesje and husband Andy will look at, but they know it is a condition so difficult to treat there have been no breakthroughs.

"We will talk to the doctors and work with them and we will consider complimentary treatment elsewhere and abroad but we will always be asking if this is for him or if it is for us.

"Is it quality of life or quantity?"

What the family will do is make the next year the best they can for Lachie and his 6-year-old brother Harry.

Liesje's sister Nikki Donkin has set up a "Givealittle page" in the hope of raising funds so Liesje and Andy can spend as much time as possible with Lachie and make some of his dreams come true.

"Lachie is a big personality and he loves music," Liesje said.

"We had a karaoke party recently and he was up past midnight singing to Guns N' Roses and Imagine Dragons with the adults."

He would like to see Ed Sheeran in concert and would love to see Blake Shelton as well. The family are hoping to take Lachie to Universal Studios or to see Harry Potter World as well as rest and relaxation on the beach in Florida.

Donkin describes her nephew as a boy with a sparkle in his eyes and an overflowing personality.

"He is 'big' in every sense of the word - full of energy, love and life," she said.

"We want to raise money so they can afford to take time off work and make some memories with Lachie and give him some amazing experiences."

The money would also be used to explore all available treatment options, including clinical trials.




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New Shirts Have Landed

The new Club shirts have landed in time for the Nationals, Designed with the consultation of a number of members the new shirts certainly stand out for the right reasons. Shirts will be available for members to purchase in the next few days, the price \$45.

Birkenhead Shorts

You have the new Club Shirt, what is the bottom half looking like?. How about a pair of black Club shorts to finish of the look and look shape out on the green. Black Club shorts are available for purchase, \$30 a pair, with Birkenhead down the leg. Everyone loves the fabric and fit. There is currently stock available in the Club shop.

Facebook and Cancellations

For those members that are on Facebook, please 'like' our "Birkenhead Bowling Club" page. Also, get your friends & family to 'like' our page! The page is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening at the Club! For cancellations go to the Club's facebook page www.facebook.com/BowlsBirkenhead or ring the Club.



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CALLIOPE ATHLETIC AND HARRIER CLUB

Calliope Corner - Welcome back!

Hoping you have all had a pleasant Christmas and New Year, ready to burn off some of that Christmas cake. Any interested person can come for a run or walk with us, 6.30pm sharp from the Birkenhead Bowling club. We usually have a slower group, and nothing is going to be especially speedy post-Christmas. All welcome...

Bill Taylor Trophy

Jan 11 Bill Taylor Trophy 800m

Jan 18 Bill Taylor Trophy 3000m

There are two events remaining for the trophy; now scheduled - 800m (11 January) and 3000m (18 January) and all three must be competed for to qualify, and results of each are determined on an age-graded basis with the winner of the trophy going to the athlete with the highest age-graded percentage from any of the three races. So the outright winner does not necessarily win because it's age-graded according to international standards. Club uniform must be worn.

In each case we will start from the bowling club with a warm up run down to the track at the War

Memorial Park. Warm down jog back to the bowling club for usual post-run activities. Some others will want to just do a 'normal' run no doubt. Weather could still move the track programme I guess.

Race report - Summer Sizzler, Waikato River Trails, Mangakino, 7th January

Fiona and I took the half marathon option for this race, and the event base is the lake Ma-raetai waterfront in the metropolis of Mangakino. You get bussed out past Whakamaru and run along the river trails back to base. Not much was sizzling given the weather forecast, so we could call it the Summer drizzler, although the rain held off for slightly humid but ideal running conditions. The riverside undulations take their toll, so it was a long way from a speedy half.

Fiona was pleased with her efforts, given another recent bout of Covid-19, and I was more than pleased to win my age group. This is a small race with a nice feel to the event base, and would appeal to those who enjoy trails and scenery without too many savage hills. Recommended. Oh, if it actually was sizzling hot, the lake is right there to jump into afterwards. I enjoyed this anyway. Go jump in the lake.



Overall Place	Gender Place	AG Place	Time
6th - Martin Fey	6th Male	1st Male 50-59	1:56:55
37th - Fiona Sherwin	13th Female	5th Female 40-49	2:32:51





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The Dog House

Our irregular columnist Mike Cartwright with one man's perspective on the sport of bowls and other matters. The views and opinions expressed here are those of the author's and do not necessarily represent or reflect the views of Birkenhead Bowling Club.

Now if you had read my last post some time ago you'd know I'm about as reliable as a politician. I promise a lot but tend to come up short on the delivery, something Katrina complains about all the time. Anyway, after some pretty pathetic performances on the bowling green a few weeks ago I was reluctant to put my name forward to play in the Nationals in Auckland. My confidence was at an all time low and getting thrashed in the nationals wasn't going to help my enthusiasm for the game so I decided to help out by putting my name down for marking.

Now most markers will tell you that in these sorts of tournaments you keep your fingers crossed that you don't end up having to mark some grumpy arsehole who thinks you've got the eyes and ears of a teenager. As luck would have it on the last day of qualifying we didn't have to put up with any of the current members of the Black Jacks squad so we were spared the embarrassment of getting our ears chewed. We weren't so lucky on the first day of post section, well, I was, another marker wasn't. The squad member wasn't overly happy with his performance or that of the marker and after getting his beans he was out of the club quicker than a US Congressman leaving Capitol Hill during the riots. He obviously failed SC maths or he had been told by NZ Bowls that marking was beneath a NZ squad member because the marking of the other games was left to the minnows of the sport.

I enjoyed marking and am thankful that everyone I marked was aware that I suffered from alcohol induced dementia and that any call I made about who had shot was about as believable as anything coming out of Donald Trump's mouth. I don't think I did a too bad a job of it and the day and a half long job was well worth it with a free lunch and a couple of cans of Guinness. I also had the added bonus of catching up with a few members of my old club Victoria. They were up for the nationals and like Birkenhead members, they play hard and play hard.

That was my only foray into the Nationals this year and I must be honest I was well impressed with some of the games I watched. The highlight for me was watching a couple of young lads no older than the pair of shoes I had on. Liam Hill and Aidan Zittersteijn were a bloody joy to watch, great bowls and played in such a great spirit, a lesson to us all.

Another highlight for me was finally not seeing a composite pair win the mens pairs final. Two long time members of Mt Albert Bowling Club took out the honours. I don't want to sound cynical but I can tell you that in my line of work I have met prostitutes who are more loyal than some lawn bowlers I've met so to see them standing there proudly displaying their club colours was something to behold. It makes me want to give the Nationals a crack.

Before I go I just want to apologise for some of my previous posts, they should be read after you've had a few drops of alcohol. Lastly I just want you all to remember that plenty of sex during the year will help preserve your memory. Look forward to catching up with you all on the bowling green and have a safe 2015.



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Darts Section - Shanghai Sundays

Come join in Sunday afternoons to play social darts with anyone that wants to have a go. Club darts are available and free advice is in abundance. With no registration or experience required, a bunch of our darts players turn up 3pm Sunday afternoon to play darts with a twist – at any point in the game, if you throw a shanghai (a single, double, and treble of the same number), you win the game! It can be quick turn-around games which is awesome for all playing and a great chance to catch up with friends and meet new people. You never know where it may lead your competitive nature to..... The City of Sails darts league!

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Club Night - Every Friday
Open from 3.30pm - Meat Raffles, Members Draw, Joker 500 and more.....

From the Centre

Entries open for forthcoming events
Bowls North Harbour NZ Masters
Entries close on the 13th January 2023.
Playing Dates are 13th to 17th February 2023.

Women Centre Pairs
Entries for this event close on the 20th January 2023.
Entry Fee \$50.
Event held on 4th and 5th February.

Men's Centre Pairs
Entries for this event close on the 27th January 2023.
Entry Fee \$50.
Event held on 11th and 12th February

Women Centre Triples
Entries will close on 3rd February.
Entry Fee \$25 per player.
Event held on the 18th and 19th February.

Men's Centre Singles
Entries for this event close on 3rd February
Entry Fee \$25.
Event held on 18th and 19th February

Bowls 3 Fives Event.
Entries close 17th February.
Club Entry Fee \$80.
Event held 4th & 5th March

Coaching for all Prospective Umpires

An online umpire's laws course is being planned to start on Tuesday February 7th , 14th , 21st , 28th and March 7th and 14th from 7.00pm till 9.00pm each night.

Candidates will need a copy of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark edition 3.2. (a copy of these laws can be found on the Bowls New Zealand Aotearoa web site under the Key Documents heading.

Tutors will be Les Smith (Auckland) and Sue Rossiter (North Harbour) who are both International Technical Officials.

The catchment for this course is Far North, Northland, North Harbour, Auckland, Counties Manukau and Thames Valley centres.

Please contact Les Smith with your expression of interest by January 13th with examination application forms being sent out after January 14th and returned to Les Smith by email closing on January 25th . Examination fee to be paid to Bowls NZ, account on application form.

Domestic Regulations can be emailed to those of you who do not have a copy of them. Contact Les Smith on email, smithleslieg@gmail.com giving your name, club, centre and contact email with contact phone number.



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 The Club is available for hire by members as well as outside individuals and organisations throughout the year. Both lounge areas are north facing and offer a warm well-lit venue during the day. The facilities are available for hire for corporate functions, birthdays, wedding anniversaries and family reunions to name a few. We can assist you to run your own outdoor or indoor bowls tournament.
 There are two bar areas. The main bar and large lounge located upstairs can comfortably seat 120 people buffet style or 220 for a cocktail function. The downstairs bar area is ideal for smaller functions and is right beside the bowling area, it can comfortably seat 45 people buffet style or 60 for a cocktail function. Relax on the deck off the main bar upstairs which overlooks the main green. Full catering options are available. A commercial grade kitchen and cooking facilities are also available.
 All functions, including catering options, are to be booked with the Club's Function Coordinator Emmie (0275 297 297)

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SUMMERSET NATIONAL SINGLES & PAIRS CHAMPIONS 2023

Champions crowned as 2023 Summerset Nationals conclude

Reproduced from Bowls New Zealand website
By Sam Morton

Gore bowler Sheldon Bagrie-Howley has run out the winner of the 2023 Summerset National Men's Singles, defeating two-time winner and reigning world singles champion Shannon Mcllroy in an entertaining finals' display.

In the early stages of the contest, Mcllroy proved to be in devastating touch on the Browns Bay green, displaying an array of exquisite draw play and attacking shots to jump out to an 11-5 lead. However, such was the tenacity of Southland representative Bagrie-Howley, the Gore Rams skipper was able to weather the storm and peg back the deficit – eventually going in front, 18-15.

A three-count on what proved to be the final end concluded proceedings, gifting Bagrie-Howley his second national title and denying Mcllroy his Gold Star – that performance having to wait a little longer, perhaps next month in the Summerset National Fours or Mixed Pairs.

Bagrie-Howley, who has been on the New Zealand selection radar for quite some years, moreso in the last few seasons – has now stamped his name in the country's bowls folklore, winning the men's national singles at the 2023 Summerset Nationals and undoubtedly pushing his case for further honours in the coming months.

Beaten semi-finalists were Carlton Cornwall's Petar Sain and Mt Albert hopeful Gary Lawson, with Mcllroy prevailing 21-13 opposite Lawson and Bagrie-Howley scraping a one-point advantage opposite Sain.

Meanwhile, after five years of trying, including several near misses, Clare Hendra and Tayla Bruce have finally cracked the winning formula and can now call themselves national pairs' champions.

The final saw Hendra and Bruce get out to a comfortable lead opposite the Takapuna pairing of Wendy Jensen and Robyne Walker – settling into the green quicker than their opposition and working hard to retain the advantage throughout.

Despite a spirited fightback from the North Harbour duo, Jensen and Walker were unable to overturn the deficit, and eventually succumbed to the will and desire of Hendra and Bruce, both so desperately wanting, this time, to get over the line.

The win moves Bruce within one title of her Gold Star, while for Hendra, this marks her second. Notable mention must also go to Bruce, who has now appeared in all four consecutive finals of the women's singles and pairs in the last two seasons - with Bruce able to secure two titles in those attempts.

Beaten semi-finalists were composite pairing Janeen Noble and Robyn Schischka and Hinuera's Karen De Jongh and Deb White, with Jensen and Walker making light work of Noble/Schischka, 21-3 and Hendra and Bruce proving too strong for the Hinuera duo, 16-10..

In other results, the New Zealand para combination of Graham Skellern and Bruce Wakefield hung tough to win the open disability pairs honour, defeating the formidable line-up of Steve Delaney and Jonathan Radka, 18-11.

The win marked Skellern's fourth national para title in as many years, with Wakefield chalking up his second.

After eight action-packed days in the Auckland and North Harbour centres, weather disruptions, quick thinking logistics and a tonne of skill from competitors, our first set of 2023 champions have been found. These are Selina Goddard (Women's Singles), Sheldon Bagrie-Howley (Men's Singles), Gary Lawson, Tony Grantham (Men's Pairs), Clare Hendra, Tayla Bruce (Women's Pairs), Darron Wolland (Open Disability Singles) and Graham Skellern, Bruce Wakefield (Open Disability Pairs).

Congratulations to all.



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Hello again to our social bowlers

By Evan Thomas
Our 2023 series commences again shortly – on Monday 16th January 2023, with the second evening being the following Monday 23rd January. We then take a break on Mondays 30th January (Auckland Anniversary Day) 6th February (Waitangi Day) recommencing Monday 13th February, with the final evening being 6th March. We hope to see many of you back on the greens for this series.
As you can appreciate there is just a little over a week until the first Monday evening of bowls so if you can get your team entries advised to Evan Thomas (0210575491) or email, or to the club on 4807493 as soon as possible that would be appreciated. We can *almost* guarantee better weather by then! If you can encourage friends, family or work associates to come along that would be great.
Looking forward to a good response for Monday 16th.

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