



**Auckland  
Bowls**

# Friday Flash

**3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2012**

## **HAVE YOUR SAY ON AUCKLAND BOWLS EVENTS**

The annual survey on Auckland Bowls events is now available to be completed by any Auckland players.

The survey, which will not take too long to complete can be accessed by the following link

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/aucklandbowlseventsurvey>

The survey will close on 17<sup>th</sup> February and we would welcome your comments on our events.

## **FRIDAY INTERCLUB AND 1-5 YEAR INTERCLUB DRAWS SENT**

The draws for the popular Friday Interclub as well as the 1-5 Year Interclub have been sent to all participating clubs and have been posted on our website.

The Friday Interclub commences on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February and host clubs have been faxed, emailed or posted the team sheets and rink and result sheets today.

The 1-5 Year Interclub will be played over the weekend of Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February with Pt Chevalier being headquarters.

Good luck to all clubs for both of these events.

## **FINAL DAY SCHEDULED AT CARLTON CORNWALL**

The remainder of the Heartland Auckland events will take place at Carlton Cornwall Bowls on Saturday 18th February, commencing 9.00am.

The final of the Men`s Singles between Ray Hills, Avondale, and Warwick Frederickson, Blockhouse Bay, will be completed as well as the Heartland Women`s Fours final.

The finalists for the Women`s Fours are Emma Waerehu, Rae Hammond, Moana Stainton and Paddy Waerehu, from Mangere, and Jeanette Scarrott, Alison Morrow, Irene Manning and Louise Goyne of Mt Wellington.

Also being completed on 18th February will be the Men`s Triples semi-finals between Russell Barrett, Blockhouse Bay, and Chris Lowe, Hillsboro, and Gary Cotton, Howick, and Chris Le Lievre, Onehunga.

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The final of the Men`s Triples will be played at the completion of the semi-finals.

Congratulations to all finalists and semi-finalists and good luck for all the games remaining.

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## AUCKLAND PLAYERS OFF TO THAMES

The Auckland Representative Teams will play their counterparts on Sunday at Tui Park Bowling Club. This event will allow the players to impress the selectors for the Regional Intercetre at the end of February.

The Teams travelling to Thames are:

Open Men:

Singles: Tony Grantham

Pairs: Dan Delany(s) & Chris Le Lievre

Fours: Chris Lowe(s) Tom Delany, Scott Cottrell, Greg Ruaporo

Open Reserve;

Singles: Scott Evans

Pairs: Jordan King(s) & Ciaran MacElvanna

Fours: Mike Bradshaw(s) Nick Thompson, Scott Mouton, Kevin Dixon

Open Women;

Singles: Rima Strickland

Pairs: Olivia Bloomfield(s) & Sue Curran

Fours: Karen Hema (s), Denise Samuel, Jo-Ann Ikiua, Tania Wrigley

Open Reserve;

Singles: Liz Teiti

Pairs: Hannah Robertson(s) & Selina Goddard

Fours; Lee-Ann Watson(s) Tere Tuati, Catherine Bien, Jo McKenna

Reserve: Ruby Mudford

The final teams for the Northern Region InterCentre will be selected following this event.

Auckland Bowls wish the players good luck for Sunday.



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## A REMINDER TO SOME CLUB SECRETARIES!

A reminder to those club secretaries who have still not forwarded their Annual Returns for both Club Membership and Casual Players and databases that these were due on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Please get these to us as soon as possible we are required to collate all the forms and have our Centre return through to Bowls NZ by 15<sup>th</sup> February.

## PARTNERSHIP & PARTICIPATION ROADSHOW 2012

*The Future of Our Sport & Who Pays*

It is well known and accepted that our sport, like many others, is facing tough times with declining volunteer and traditional membership numbers plus diminishing revenue streams.

HOWEVER it is also acknowledged that ***we face our BIGGEST opportunity to truly grow the sport of bowls, on all levels, if we all work together*** . . . participants, clubs, centres, Regional Service Centres and Bowls NZ.

Now is the time to address our issues and capitalise on our opportunities. With this in mind, and together with your local Regional Service Centre, we will be running a series of Roadshows from February to April 2012.

If you or anyone at your club or centre is interested in coming together to discuss the future of our sport and who pays, ***to ensure the survival of our great game***, then please join us. We would love to see you and hear your thoughts on how by working together, we can successfully grow our player and volunteer numbers.

Attached is a schedule of dates, times and venues for the Roadshow. ***Everyone is welcome, so make sure you book these dates into your calendar now.***

***With a collaborative approach, anything is possible.***

Date	Centre	Venue and time
7 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	North Harbour	Browns Bay BC at 7pm
8 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	Auckland	Mt. Eden BC at 7pm
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2012	Counties Manukau	Papakura BC at 7pm

## **WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED BOWLS READY FOR PLAY**

The world's newest and most advanced lawn bowls manufacturer, Sydney based Australian owned AeroBowls recently received official World Bowls certification.

AeroBowls are manufactured at a state of the art plant in Rosebery, Sydney and are part of the high profile Comfitpro group, a manufacturer and distributor of a wide range of market leading bowls accessories and clothing.

AeroBowls is in the process of launching three models of bowls types on the Australian market and has plans to be a major exporter of bowls once production has been ramped up.

AeroBowls Chief Executive Officer Walter Jacobs, together with AeroBowls Administrative Director Sharon Jacobs and AeroBowls Chief Operating Officer Rod Heaton said in a joint statement today: "We are delighted at the passing of this important milestone in our journey to bring a new level of technology and performance to the game we all love so much.

"The advanced technology we have brought to the manufacturing process -which is already used in biomedical, defence and aerospace industries around the world - means for the first time in the history of the game bowlers can purchase a set of bowls secure in the knowledge that every bowl in their set will be identical in trajectory.

"This is a fundamental guarantee of AeroBowls.

"It's a major breakthrough for the game and represents a technological 'catch-up' compared to many sports.

"Sports equipment has evolved rapidly over the past two to three decades through the application of new materials and new advanced manufacturing processes, whether it be golf, tennis, football, sailing or cricket, to name a few.

"Our own personal experience as bowlers combined with a long and close association with bowlers at every level, made us aware of the shortcomings of traditional bowls and fed our desire to make the perfect bowl.

"We have been heartened by the support for the endeavour by elite bowlers in many countries who shared our interest in making a better bowl.

"AeroBowls is committed to remaining at the forefront of the sport and to a philosophy that ensures that all bowlers, regardless of their level of expertise, will have access to the same bowl. We do not and will not make special one-off sets for the professionals," they said.

AeroBowls will be available in leading bowls outlets in Australia from March 2012. A New Zealand release date is yet to be confirmed.

### **About AeroBowls**

AeroBowls is a 100% Australian owned company based in Sydney Australia. It's part of the Comfitpro group, makers of a wide range of bowls equipment, clothing and accessories. AeroBowls guarantees every bowl in a set of bowls is identical in trajectory or your money back and is the only bowls manufacturer in the world to offer this guarantee. The unique design of AeroBowls and the associated manufacturing process are subject to a number of worldwide patents and intellectual property protections.

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### **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CERTIFIED COACH?**

A course will be held for three consecutive weeks - 12<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> March

Please contact: Howard Sandler at the office on 623 3555.

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### **BLIND BOWLERS SEEKING HELP**

The New Zealand Blind Lawn Bowling Association is calling for support from all bowlers and bowling clubs around New Zealand!

Fundraising has started to get the eight blind bowlers, eight directors and two team management personnel to the 2013 World Blind Lawn Bowling Championships, which are being held in June 2013 at the Beach Park Bowling Club in Worthing, England.

As can be imagined the costs are terribly expensive to get a full squad over to England and compete for two and a half weeks, it is expected to be around \$100,000! All potential team members and their directors are expected to make significant personal contributions towards these costs. This is barely achievable by those squad members who are in full time employment but is near impossible for those squad members who rely on benefits and live week by week. It is also time off work and a large cost for those amazing volunteers who will attend and direct a blind bowler for up to six hours a day.

The World Championships are no holiday for the Blind bowlers and the event is being taken very seriously. A New Zealand training Squad for the 2013 World Championships was named on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 by head selector/coach Tony Marinkovich (Browns Bay). In the squad are several bowlers who have won World Championship medals in the past, and this is considered one of the strongest training squads ever selected. As the old saying goes Effort = Rewards so considerable efforts are being put in to be successful. Coaching has already begun eighteen months out and individuals will be required to meet stringent fitness requirements off the green and put in the required amount of training on the green.

On a training note, the Browns Bay Bowling Club has offered the use of their half green for training purposes which is amazing. This green will be running at around 12 seconds over the next 18 months to simulate the slow greens the event will be played on in England. A similar facility in the Waikato region is also being sought for training purposes. If any club can help out with this request please email [nzblba@gmail.com](mailto:nzblba@gmail.com)

This is where you and/or your bowling club can make a difference! Help the New Zealand Blind Bowls team achieve their goals and attend World Blind Lawn Bowling Championships. Every bowling club in the country is challenged to help by running a fundraising event/tournament/raffle/auction or any other event before the end of the 2012 season. Whether it is \$5 or \$5000 it would be gratefully received. If any club would like a guest speaker to attend a club night and discuss blindness or blind bowls this can be arranged. The possibility exists for any clubs top bowlers to be blindfolded and play some of the NZ Blind squad in a demonstration match. All suggestions will be considered.

Some individuals may also wish to donate so an online website is available where this can occur. The website is by a reputable company and is safe to use (give a little). All donations must be made by credit card and receipts are provided. The link to donate is <http://www.givealittle.co.nz/org/NZBLBA>. Under the heading of 'New Zealand Blind Lawn Bowling Association' there is a link to 'Donate Now'. Enter this link then fill out the required fields. It's that simple!

If any individuals or clubs would like to send in a donation by cheque these can be sent to the post office box listed below. All donations will receive receipts. The postal address is:

New Zealand Blind Lawn Bowling Association ;P.O Box 35-779 ;Browns Bay ;Auckland 0753 Attn : The Secretary

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## **FREE TO A GOOD HOME**

Mt Eden Bowling Club is replacing their artificial green and has 36 metres x 36 metres of astrograss which is free to a good home.

This can be removed in strips so if you are looking for a smaller amount this can be accommodated.

Removal would need to be completed prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April when the new green will be laid.

If you are interested in any of the astrograss please contact Donna Mob: 022 601 2438

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## **COMFITPRO – EXCLUSIVE FRIDAY FLASH SPECIALS**

This week we have an exclusive special for subscribers to "Friday Flash", our top selling Achieva men's shoe for \$75.00, save \$20.00. The Achieva shoe is made from genuine breathable, water resistant microfiber with a leather lining and a special emphasis on mid

and rear sole construction.

This special is available exclusively through the ComfitPro showroom based in the Henderson Bowling Club lounge.

We have an ex-demonstration set of Taylor Redline SR bowls size 2 in black for sale at \$495.00 (normally \$625) and a second hand set of Taylor Vector VS size 4 in white at \$450.00.

A good range of Taylor Redline and Blueline colours are available ex stock plus a full range of ComfitPro shoes and bags.

The ComfitPro showroom based in the Henderson Bowling Club lounge is open weekdays from 3-5pm daily and other times by arrangement phone Tom Wills Ph: 837 8520, Mob: 021 0275 2752.

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## CLUB TOURNAMENTS

**Pt Chevalier:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February ,Classic Novelty Pairs 6 Disciplines of Pairs - Great Fun Weekend \$50.00 per team includes lunch

**Blockhouse Bay:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February ACHKP \$20.00 per team Lunch Provided Contact George Weller Ph: 846 0024 or Club Ph: 6266450

**Te Atatu Peninsula:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February., ACHKP, 9.30am start. Contact: Edna Ryan. Ph: 834 6913

**Papakura:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February , Ladies Classic Pairs and Fours Tournament, \$40 per team. Entries to Val Bougen Ph: 298 0699.

**Pt Chevalier:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, ACT, Mufti. \$30 per team with morning tea supplied. 3 games of 1 1/2 hours. TAB available.

**Te Atatu Peninsula:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February, ACT. 9.30am start, Contact: Peter Hool, Ph: 834 2522

**Glendowie:** February 16<sup>th</sup> ; March 15<sup>th</sup> ; Mar 29<sup>th</sup> ,ACT, 9.30 Start, three games, entry fee \$10 per player. Contact Ernie Pitchfork Ph: 529 2747 or ernie.p@win.co.nz

**New Lynn:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012, AC Triples, 9.00am start, \$20 per team, Contact Club Ph: 827 1368

**Rawhiti:** Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012, ACT 9-30am start, lunches available, 3 games 1 hour 40 min, contact Guy Cavanagh, [guycavanagh@xtra.co.nz](mailto:guycavanagh@xtra.co.nz) Ph 521 1626

**New Lynn:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2012, AC Pairs, 9.00am start, \$20 per team, Contact Club Ph: 827 1368

**Te Atatu Peninsula:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, ACT. 9.30am start, Contact: Barbara Te Amo Ph: 832 9754

**Auckland Greenkeepers :** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, ACT, Mufti held at Hillsboro Bowling Club 9.30am start, Also Annual meeting and Awards Function. Contact: Evan Forde Ph: 021 215 7674 or Cleve Sullivan Ph: 021 140 7300

**Glendowie:** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March Open Classic. 09.30 start. Entry fee

\$100 per team. Contact Robert Collins 528-9715 or [rcollins@ihug.co.nz](mailto:rcollins@ihug.co.nz)

**Glendowie:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April & Monday 9 April; Easter Mixed Classic 09.30 start. Entry fee \$100 per team, Contact Robert Collins 528-9715 or [rcollins@ihug.co.nz](mailto:rcollins@ihug.co.nz)

**Gisborne:** Friday 6<sup>th</sup>- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April, MF, 25 ends, Contact Trevor Mills Ph: (06)867 4212. Email: [bowlsgec@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bowlsgec@xtra.co.nz) Entries close 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Bowls Riverside (Gisborne):** Friday 6<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April, WT. Contact Bobbie Beattie Ph: (06) 867 7988 Email: [dwasbt@msn.com](mailto:dwasbt@msn.com) Entries close 26<sup>th</sup> March

**Glendowie:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April & Monday 9 April; Easter Mixed Classic 09.30 start. Entry fee \$100 per team, Contact Robert Collins 528-9715 or [rcollins@ihug.co.nz](mailto:rcollins@ihug.co.nz)

**Hillsboro:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Bowler of the Year, ACF. Contact Cleve Sullivan Ph: 813 0465 Mob: 021 140 7300

**Titirangi RSA:** Every Friday ACHKP, 1pm start, \$10 per team, 2 games of 1 1.2 hours played back to back. Contact Mike McGowan Ph: 817 4071 for confirmation of entry.

**Buckland's Beach:** ACT every Thursday at 9.30am 4 games. Entries to Rob Shaw [robs@inspire.net.nz](mailto:robs@inspire.net.nz) or 534 3492

**Henderson:** Every Tuesday ACT, 9.00am start, \$30 per team. Contact: Club Ph: 836 3253 or Kevin Pennycook Ph: 837 8404

**Pakuranga:** Tuesday ACT starting at 9.30 am each Tuesday, 4 games, lunches available. Contact Club Ph: 535 4618 after 4.p.m. daily with your entry.

**Howick:** Every Wednesday WT, 9.30am start, Entries by 4pm please previous day, Contact Betty Rush Ph 534 3468 or Joyce Joe Ph: 537 5348 or Club Ph: 534 3468. Cancellation broadcast on Club Infoline Ph: 534 5335

**Howick:** Every Wednesday ACT, 9.00am start, Entries by 4pm please previous day, Contact Ron Blucher Ph: 534 0733 or Club Ph: 537 6447. Cancellation broadcast on Club Infoline Ph: 534 5335

**Howick:** Every Friday ACHKP 1pm start, Entries by 10.00am on the day, Contact Ron Blucher Ph: 534 0733 or Club Ph: 537 6447. Cancellation broadcast on Club Infoline, Ph: 534 5335

**Blockhouse Bay:** Every Friday from 1pm ACHKP \$10.00 per team 2 Games only, Contact Geoff Trainer on Ph: 817 6587 or Club Ph: 626 6450

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**Do you know anyone that would like to receive the Friday Flash?? If so, tell them to go to [www.aucklandbowls.co.nz](http://www.aucklandbowls.co.nz) and on the home page they will find our simple way to register!!**