

A New Administrative Structure

The SGM of the club held on 24 April discussed and ratified the new Constitution of the club which has been drawn up to conform with the requirements of re-registration as an Incorporated Society. A major benefit of being registered is that we enjoy tax free status with IRD.

Your new club officers have been elected under the new structure and the main difference is that from now on we will be administered by a Board, rather than an Executive. In effect this will mean little difference to club administration and operations.

Many thanks to Janet Olliver from Bowls Kapiti Coast who assisted us with the re-registration process. This has now been completed and we have a new certificate of registration

We are also a registered Charitable Organisation which has been of great assistance to us in securing grants for club development.

The Club Board 2025-26

Patron	Margaret Griffin
President	Duncan Mann
Vice President	Jim Winter
Secretary	Grahame Law
Treasurer(s)	Dave Grigg
	Chris Hogan
Elected Members	Brian Hoy
	Bruce Prescott
	Kaye Lahman
Club Captains	Kay Hogan
	Brian Cooper
Match Convenor	Pat Brown

Substitutes in Team Games

New rules for making Substitutes in team games have been agreed and come into force on 1 September. See the details on Page 3.

What's coming up? July - August 2025

July

Wed	30	Triples Gala
Thu	31	Entries close Shanghai Singles

August

Sat	2	Shanghai Singles
Wed	13	Triples Gala
Thu	14	Entries close Mixed Fours champ.
Sat	16	Mixed Fours qualifying
Sun	17	Mixed Fours post section
Thu	21	Entries close 2- bowl 2-end Pairs and Singles
Sat	23	2-bowl 2-end Pairs and Singles
Sun	24	2 x 4 x 2 Pairs Gala
Wed	28	Triples Gala
Sat	31	Opening Day and Presentations

Match Committee 2025-26

Convenor	Pat Brown
Members	Dave Bond
	Bob Liddall
	Don Newton
	Ken Sterne
	Graham Stevens
	Erica Whittaker

Limited Playing Membership

In case there is any confusion about the playing and general rights of Limited Playing Members this is the statement from the Club Constitution adopted by the club in April 2025.

Limited Playing Members:

All Limited Playing Members shall:

- a) be entitled to such privileges and advantages of membership of the Club as determined by the Board;
- b) be entitled to play in approved bowls events within the boundaries of the physical club;
- c) not be entitled to participate in club, centre or national events that progress to a centre or national championship;
- d) be entitled to participate in any event at any other bowling club, provided the other bowling club permits such participation;
- e) be entitled to hold office in the Club; and
- f) be entitled to speak and vote at General Meetings of the Club.

Substitutes in Team Events

A Bowls NZ working party has been reviewing the rules related to Substitutes in team games. Up until now it has been left up to each controlling body (465 clubs, 27 centres) to grant substitutes. This is quite impractical and causes many problems.

The outcome is that from 1 September 2025 the reason for granting a Substitute is no longer subject to a controlling body's approval, and that instead there will be a blanket acceptance of the reasons for a substitute providing that:

- *There are still the required number of players from the Original team (2 players from the Original team for Fours, 1 player for Pairs and Triples*
- *The substitute shall not be the skip, and*
- *The equal or lesser player qualifier is respected, meaning that the team is no better than it would have been in the first instance.*

Note: The Original Team are the players who are members of the team when the jack is delivered on the first end of the first game to be played by the team in a competition.

Our Playing Membership (at 20 August 2025)

	Women	Men	Total
<i>Full Playing Members</i>	34	49	83
<i>Limited Playing Members</i>	15	14	29
<i>Total Playing Members</i>	49	63	112

It is almost certainly a sign of our ageing membership profile that our number of Limited Playing Members has increased rapidly over the last few years. This will have implications for our selectors in deciding on the number of teams we can enter centre competitions.

Centre Awards 2024-25



Levin's winners



**Raumati B C - a very happy
'Club of the Year 2024-25'**



**Women's Player of the Year
Lisa White Raumati**



**Men's Player of the Year
Graeme Corlett Raumati**

Congratulations to Lisa White who last weekend won the National Champion-of-Champions singles title in Auckland. Lisa beat a number of well known players en route to the title.

Centre Awards 2024-25

Many thanks to all our club members who helped in the hosting of this year's Centre Awards, in particular to Mary and the Hoy family who manned the kitchen and took the photographs. Liz and Les Galloway and the bar staff on the day. It was a great day for the Raumati club who took most of the major awards including the awards for men's and women's *Players of the Year*, the women's aggregate, and most of all *Club of the Year*.

Our club has hosted the event for the last two years. The next two years awards will be hosted by the Raumati club.