55+
North City
September 2025

We have met once again at the North City Centre for the September 55+ Tournament. We had 110 bowlers and we were welcomed warmly by our hosts Chris and Ally. Their staff were very helpful and friendly and kept us supplied with our food and our drinks throughout the four days bowling. The local Mall and Clubs were frequented by our members also.

Our apologies to those bowlers who were awarded Badges only to now be told that they have to return them as the scoring had been mistaken. The Gremlins were working in the back ground at this tournament and Kerry has sent his apologies to all members!

We had our three over 90`s bowling at North City.
Rosemary Benseman,
Moli Leota both 92 years and Kevin Clarke 93 years. They also competed in the first 55+ Tournament played at North City.
Our "Dinner" was once again a great night and the Theme bought out some great costumes!

I have received a paper cutting from Kay and Janet from Palmerston North. This is a piece about a small business in Invercargill run by Angela Caughy. Our members who had travelled to Invercargill September 2024 will remember this name. This lady has done a retrofit to her centre which now consists of 8 lanes, an Arcade and a Karaoke room. We wish Angela well in her endeavour and her ***Retrobowl*** Centre.

Congratulations to our:

55+

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Champion of Champions

Ladies Champion of Champions

Winner

Susie Mann (*North City*)

Runner Up/s

Janet Black (*Palmerston North*)

Toni Stoker (*North City*) - due to scoring mistakes, Toni was unable to take part in the final.

Mens Champion of Champions

Winner
Larry Peterson (*New Plymouth*)

Runner Up
Kerry Williams (*Waitakere*)

HASTINGS
Our numbers were down again this tournament, only seven of us competing at North City. We did however manage to bring home 3 medals.
It was sad that Val Quade missed this tournament through ill health. It was the first 55+ tournament Val has missed since the inception of 55 Plus.
The tournament was great, well done to Alma and her team and to Chris and Ally and their team.
The one negative was the lack of ball storage facilities. We were lucky with the weather, otherwise that may have been a bigger issue. We really need ball storage facilities, especially for our older bowlers. Those sharing cars and bowling at different times were especially affected.
The dinner was enjoyable with good food, plenty of space and lots of interesting costumes
Looking forward to seeing you all in Palmerston North.

Preston

Tauranga

We had 9 bowlers from Tauranga with Chris Clare from Rotorua making up our team. Our Team members Benny, Judith, Wiki and Judy Sinclaire came 3rd and our other team Wayne, Arlene, Chris and Donna came a gallant 6th. Colin Reid became a member for a Hastings team and they came 15th.
Wiki and Colin came 4th Mixed Doubles, and Colin came 2nd Mens A grade Singles
Judith O`Rourke managed to collect herself a badge for coming 3rd in the Open Ladies Singles. Judith remarked, "you have to come somewhere when there is only 3 Ladies entered''.
Judith also got 3rd in the Ladies All Events Scratch
Judy Sinclaire also got herself some too, 1st Ladies Mystery Pairs, 1st Ladies A Grade Singles, 2nd Ladies All Events Scratch. But Alas Judy has had to return this as she was also one of the members whom the scoring affected.
The Dinner was a great night with some of us finishing very late but left in a very happy state.
Overall – we had a great time at North City, Porirua and look forward to the next time!
Looking forward to seeing you all in P.N
Arlene Dunn
On behalf of Judy Reed as her and Richard were busy relaxing - Cruising!
H*ope you both had a great time*

Palmerston North

Greetings from Palmerston North Bowlarama.
Another 55+ Tournament has come and gone and enjoyed by everyone. Great to meet up again with new and old bowlers. Some of us have been around a long time.
Judith, Kerry and Committee do a fine job as usual. The oil was plentiful on lanes on the first day. The kitchen staff service was great – Thanks to them. The Dinner was well received even though the cream was in short supply. Cows must have been off colour that morning. Costumes were good. Thanks to Graham for the great photos that he took at the Dinner.
Congratulations to our medal winners. Sorry to those presented medals and then to discover a mistake had been made. Better luck next time – Janet and Irene.
Janet was our star, playing with Suzie in the Champion of Champions playoff. Well done.
Read an article in the paper about a young lady who now owns the Invercargill Bowling Centre. She has spent a lot of time and money to bring the Centre to a high level. Good luck to her and I hope she does well. A nice Lady.
We look forward to seeing you all at our February tournament.
I am sure the sun wil be shining.
Wishing you all a Merry Xmas and a Bright NewYear!
Kay

New Plymouth

Greetings from Waitakere.

As I didn't attend the tournament at North City.I can only say the seven bowlers who went from Waitakere all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Our seven bowlers certainly did themselves & Waitakere proud by bringing back medals.
A big congratulations to Kerry Williams for his awesome bowling & getting into the Champion of Champions & coming Runner Up.
I loved all the photos made me wish I'd gone. Great to see a lot dressed up again.
Looking forward to Palmerston North in Feb. Hope to see you all & catchup with everyone.
Best wishes for a wonderful Xmas & Happy New Year.

Stay safe, see you in Palmy.

Kindest regards

Del Edwards

Petone

Thank you, Porirua for a well - run tournament. It was enjoyed by all, (except for the muddle up with the C grade ladies.

Congratulations to Ron Clark 1st A grade Mens.

Sandra Cook 1st B grade Ladies

Toni Stoker 1st C grade Ladies (as yet to receive her medals)

I`m told the dinner & karaoke went down well. Thanks once more for a good tournament & look forward to seeing everyone again in February In Palmerston.

Lesley

North City

Another great tournament over and done with, with some very good results for our members. Special congratulations to Susie Mann who was the Ladies Champion of Champions. Thanks everyone who helped with the running of the tournament with special thanks to Diane for organizing the raffles and check-in, to Woofie for organizing the lane marshalls, and to Wendy, Bob, Woofie, Dolly and Chris for helping to setup the diner venue, I don't know what I would have done without you. Also, a big thanks to Ally and Chris for all their hard work feeding and watering us at the centre and making sure the lanes behaved. Here is the full list of medal winners and again congratulations.

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1st Mens Mystery Pairs Ian Klein/David Greaves

3rd Mens Mystery Pairs David Thomas/Bruce McLachlan

1st Ladies Mystery Pairs Valda Rice/Judy Sinclair

2nd Ladies Mystery Pairs Elaine Oldfield/Carol Liddy

3rd Mixed Doubles Gillian Benstead/Mike Tinetti

3rd A Grade Singles Bob Burton

3rd C Grade Singles Barry Ludlow

1st Open Ladies Singles Susie Mann

3rd Open Ladies Sue Beckford

3rd Ladies A Grade Singles Wendy Howard

2nd Ladies B Grade Singles Elaine Oldfield

1st Scratch Ladies All Events Susie Mann

3rd Handicap Mens All Events Mike Tinetti

Didn't we do well, congratulations again.This is my last tournament as Delegate for North City. I have enjoyed my time as delegate but its time now to hand over the reins, so welcome on board, Wendy Howard. Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in Palmerston North in February.

Yours in bowling, Alma

UP COMING EVENTS
STAR BOWLER
OF THE WEEK

PLEASE
DO NOT WEAR THE
BOWLING SHOES
OUTSIDE
THANK YOU

MEN
Larry

Tournament Director

It has been an interesting year for our bowlers with tournaments in Tauranga, New Plymouth and Wellington. Good scores were recorded at Tauranga and North City but results at New Plymouth were less than expected, mainly due to the inconsistency of the oiling machine. It is only with the continued support of our wonderful family of bowlers that the tournaments go so well and are enjoyed by all. Looking forward to the next year starting with the largest bowling centre in the country now, Palmerston North. Book your accommodation now if you are planning to attend, and try to get somewhere close as parking is very limited.

I wish everyone season's greetings and a prosperous 2026.

Kerry

Thanks once again Alma and her North City Team for a very friendly but competitive Tournament that was once again enjoyed by all.

Another year of 55+ has been and gone. I would like to take this time to wish all our members and their families a Very Merry Xmas and have a great New Year!

Cheers, Good Health and Happiness to you all.

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February Monday 16th to Thursday 19th 2026

Palmerston North Bowlarama

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