

55+
June 2026
Tauranga

We have now played our first centre with Strings which was a very new experience for most of our members which seen many different comments from you all.

The Tauranga 13th Avenue centre was very welcoming and friendly to all. Our thanks to Josh, Dayna and their crew for allowing us to hold our Tournament there, as well as the food on offer and the coffee cart at the door.

Summerset once again came through with their contribution of medals and this is very much appreciated by us all.

The dinner that was held at The Oak Tree Restaurant was very accommodating and plentiful. My only gripe was that we were left a bit bewildered in not knowing which way the queue was going or where the queue started or finished. A bit congested around the food at times! (Oh, and sorry about the lift!)

There were many dressed in Colours of Origin with Janine Wakefield and John Parsons collecting prizes, five new members were welcomed, Judiths jokes were well received as were the lollipops for 99 games!

Congratulations to all our members who won medals and congrats to Susie Mann who was presented with her 225+ Game medal from Palmerston North.

Great to hear that our President, Ian Baldwin - Baldy has recovered from his fall and I hear that he had "Good nursing" and was well looked after.





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Tauranga June 2026
Champion of Champions

Ladies

Winner

Donna Fletcher (*Tauranga*)

Runner -up

Rebecca Stretton (*Tauranga*)

Due to an appointment Rebecca had to leave straight after finals were played hence no photo.

Mens

Winner

Phil Wright (*Tauranga*)

Runner Up

Mike Boobyer (*Palmerston North*)

Congratulations to you all...



From your Delegates

Waitakere

Our 55+ tournament at Tauranga in June meant for many of us our very first time to experience bowling with pins on strings.

What a challenge that was with some very low games bowled.

I was so looking forward to this tournament which unfortunately for me was a total disaster. My only prize was a lollipop for my 99 game that was duly presented to me by my old bowling partner Judy O'Rourke who gleefully handed me my prize.

A big congratulations to our Waitakere bowlers who did manage to win medals. Well done under difficult circumstances.

Prizegiving and dinner another great night to enjoy each other's company, Judy's jokes, good food and for the lucky ones receive medals.

A big thank you to Judy Reed and her team for another well - organized tournament.

Waitakere's turn in September to host the final tournament for the year.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

The theme is "Mismatch". We hope you will all go crazy and have fun with outrageous ideas. One person who I will not name said HE is going to wear his tutu. Looking forward to seeing that!!!!

In the mean - time all stay warm, healthy and safe.

Hopefully see you at Waitakere in September.

Del

Hastings

Eights Bowlers plus our long - term

Supporter/manager/coach/mentor, Barb Nonu, travelled to Tauranga.

Most of us found the lane conditions very challenging and for the first time in many tournaments no one won a medal. But we had a great time catching up with old friends and our handicaps will have all increased for next time!!!!

Our motel had a spa pool outside each unit, so some time in the evenings was spent relaxing in the spa and solving the problems of the world.

We really enjoyed the dinner, great venue and massive food selection. Well done to Judy Reed and her team from Tauranga.

Our numbers will be down for next tournament, but those of use travelling to Waitakere look forward to catching up with you all again.

Preston





Rotorua

Excellent tournament at Tauranga, Rotorua only took four members, we had a very successful few days, Wayne Woods coming third in both the open and handicap all events Trevor Heath also coming third in both the mystery pairs and B grade singles, this was all topped off by the four of us winning the teams' event. This was a shock as we had no idea that we had won until it was announced at the dinner. The dinner was one of the best I believe we have had.

Chris

Tauranga

Firstly, I would like to thank all of our Tauranga bowlers and ex bowlers who helped with check-ins, selling raffles, lane marshalling and special thanks to Arlene and Wayne for coming over to the club to set up for the dinner and also for supplying the table ornaments. It was very much appreciated. Also - a big thank you to Josh and his team at the centre for keeping everything running smoothly (there were some good games but also a lot of low games bowled (must be those strings !!!) Thank you also to Dayna for doing the sandwiches. The food at the Oak Tree restaurant on the Wednesday night was excellent unfortunately the organisation from management was not so good (Tina did apologise and said she would improve on that)



Well done and congratulations to all of our Tauranga bowlers who picked up medals. A special mention to -

Phil Wright - Men's All Events scratch winner and Men's Champion of Champions

Donna Fletcher - Ladies All Events Hcp winner and Ladies Champion of Champions

Rebecca Stretton - Ladies All Events Scratch winner and Ladies Runner up Champion of Champions.

Not long before we have our next tournament at Waitakere.

See you all there 😊

Regards

Judy



Palmerston North

Once again our 55+ Tournament has come and gone. Well run as usual by Judith, Kerry & Co.

Shirley and John were unable to attend this time, however Shirley is back bowling again which is good news.

However we had our chaperone Marilyn from Perth with us, so we all had to behave. It was great meeting old and new bowlers, and to see everyone friendly!

Some of our bowlers stayed with friends at the Mount which is always good. A lot of our bowlers struggle with pins on strings - Well that was our excuse!!

Mike was our shining star, he showed us how it was done and bowled very well, the rest of us did our best. Congratulations to all our medal winners – you all did our centre proud. We all enjoyed the dinner and evening. If you liked sea food you were in your element. Oysters, Prawns, Mussels - yum!

We had several new bowlers this time, they enjoyed their time in Tauranga.

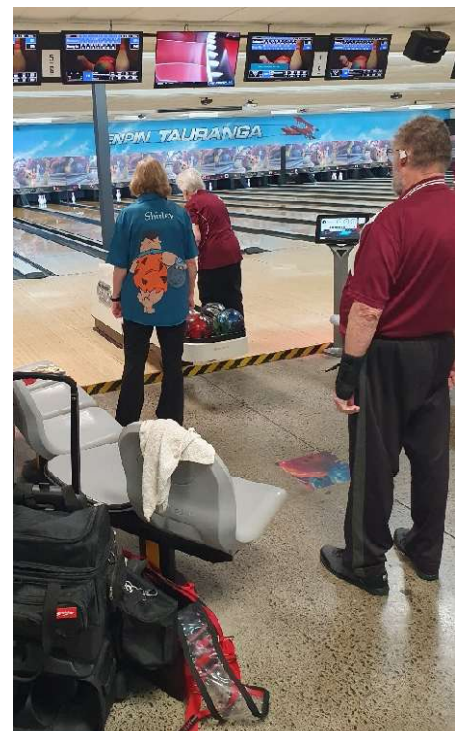
Once again, Graham has taken some great photos for all to see. Just remember to smile when you see the camera.

For any bowlers who have not visited our centre just call in some time. It is nice and bright,
with good lanes - and no strings.
Our staff will welcome you – they are a very happy crew.

Kay

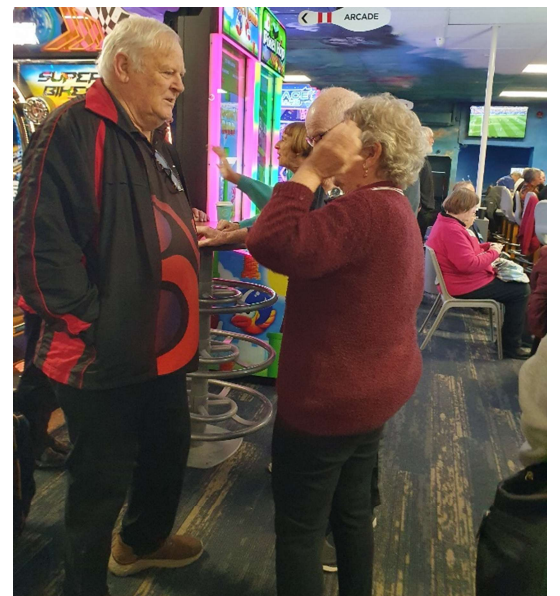
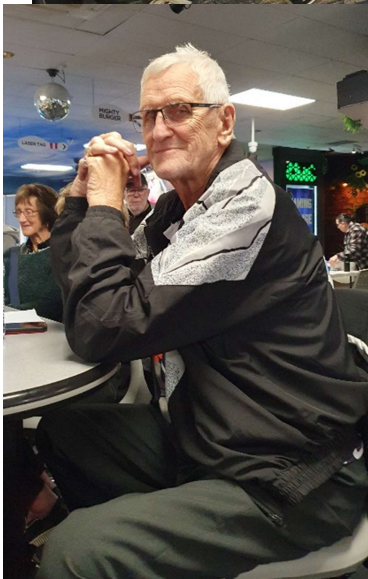
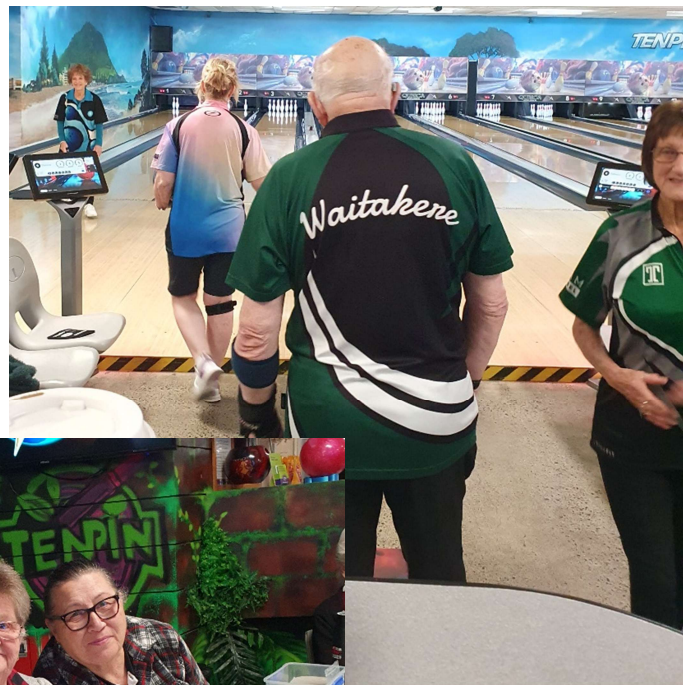


New Plymouth
Petone
Christchurch
North City
Whangaparaoa





Around the Lanes



We are heading to Auckland next. Waitakere are hosting our September Tournament.

Waitakere

September 2026

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th

Theme : Miss Match

