

WELCOME TO BOWLS TARADALE

Whether you have just joined our great club, or are thinking about it, a very warm welcome from every member of Bowls Taradale. We try hard to be a friendly club which caters well for both social and competitive bowlers. If you are new to lawn bowls we will attempt to make your introduction pleasant and non-threatening. Many of you will be Taradale Club members who want to play our game. Some of you will be coming from another bowling club. We trust you will find us approachable and the facilities and competition up to the standard you expect.

LOCATION

Bowls Taradale is an adjunct of the Taradale Club (also called the mother club) located at 55 Wharerangi Road, Greenmeadows. Two synthetic bowling greens are behind the main building with plenty of car parking visible from the road.



MEMBERSHIP

Lawn Bowls is a sport which caters for men and women of all ages, physiques and even some disabilities. The game can be played socially or at a competitive level. Bowls Taradale is one of the largest clubs in Hawkes Bay, with a membership of just over 150 bowlers. To belong to Bowls Taradale you must also belong to the mother club.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The mother club subscription is \$40, and the Bowls Taradale sub is \$125. That means you can have a year's exercise and social activity for \$165. You also get all the fresh air you can handle. What a bargain!!!

Subs are paid when you decide to join and thereafter annually in July.

RINKS / GREEN

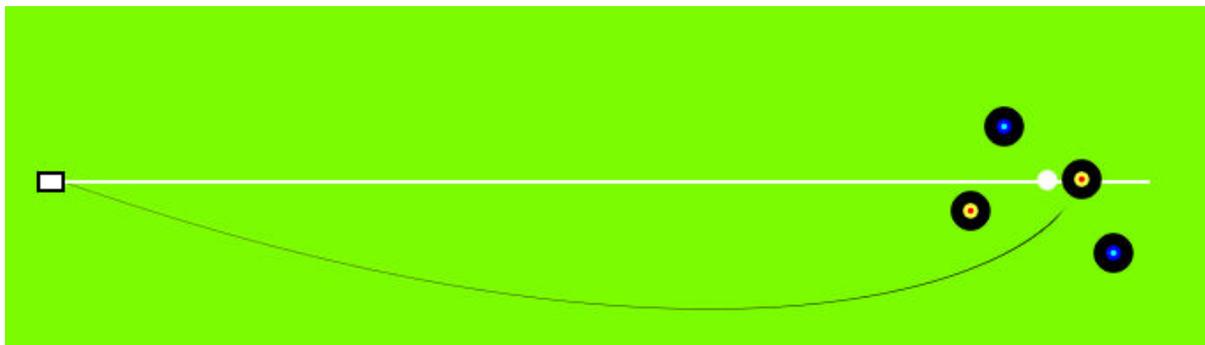
Lawn bowls is played on a rink. There are eight rinks on a green. Rinks are numbered and there are boundary pegs on each side of the rink number.

BOWLS

Every person has a set of four bowls. Each bowl in a set has a matching pair of distinguishing symbols on opposite sides.

The bias is produced by making the bowl lopsided, however it is so minute that it can't be seen with the naked eye. When the bowl is delivered along its running

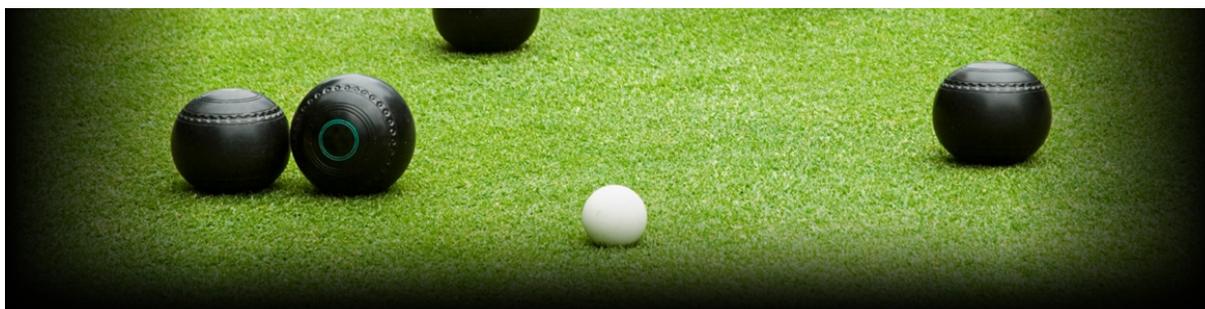
surface, there is sufficient momentum to keep it running straight along its course. As the bowl slows down it attempts to lean slightly to one side, forcing it to curve. Mastering this phenomenon is at the heart of the challenge and excitement of the game.



THE GAME

The aim of the game is to roll each bowl so that it stops as close as possible to a small ball called a jack. Bowls may hit the jack, but the jack must remain within the boundary markers or the end will be declared dead. Bowls may hit other bowls and move them - even out of play.

Games are played between opposing teams, each with from one to four players. Singles games are played between two players, doubles between two pairs, triples between sets of three, and fours, between sets of four players.



At the completion of an end the bowl closest to the jack scores one point for its team, and every other bowl belonging to that same team that is closer to the jack than the nearest one of the competitors' bowls counts one additional point.

CLUB FACILITIES

Bowls Taradale has two synthetic greens which can be used all the year round. Two club buildings are in regular use. One building contains toilets as well as places for members to leave their bowls on site if they so wish. The second building is for administration and for catering. In between these two buildings is a shed which contains sets of bowls which may be used for coaching or by players who are starting out and do not own any bowls to start with.

THE BOWLERS SNUG

In the mother club, an area adjacent to the Restaurant (The Bowlers Snug) is used by players for prizegiving and socialising after a bowling event. On Friday's finger food is provided free of charge. On the last Friday of each month, bowlers stay on

after playing and are joined by partners and friends to enjoy an inexpensive “Bowlers Special” meal and social time in the Restaurant.

COACHING

Our club has Bowls NZ certified coaches who are available to help any bowler. Formal coaching sessions occur (e.g. Sept-Oct-Nov). Outside these times any bowler can ask for help from a coach and a time that suits both will be arranged. Of course, other club members are always happy to share tips with you as you pick up the ins and outs of our sport.

JUNIORS / COLTS / FILLIES

Sounds like a race meeting but it's not

Junior – a person is a junior for the first five years of bowling

Filly – a woman is a filly (as well as a junior) for her first two years of bowling

Colt – a man is a colt (as well as a junior) for his first two years of bowling

ROLL-UPS

Roll-up days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. You need to put your name in by 12.45 pm so games can start at 1.00 pm. Give your name to the person organising the day's bowling. That person will put you in a triples team and you will be told whether you are playing as lead, 2nd or skip. Games usually finish about 3.00 pm.



MUFTI / CLUB COLOURS / FOOTWEAR

During roll-ups players wear mufti. Club colours (or whites) are worn on special occasions such as Opening Day, Championship events and sponsored tournaments. Flat soled shoes should be worn at all times.

CHOOSING BOWLS (Bowl Size)

The most critical option when choosing bowls is bowl size. Arguably it is more important than all the other options combined. Handling comfort is the main consideration in choosing the size of a bowl. It is possibly better to be slightly too small than too large. A gripped bowl should not fall out of the hand when inverted. The grip should be secure and comfortable.



Once you have tried various bowls and talked to other players, you'll need to buy yourself a set of 4. These can be either used or new.

BOWL SIZE

Bowl sizes from smallest to largest are: 00, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

The most common bowl sizes in use seem to be 2, 3 or 4.

HANDBOOK

At the start of each season a handbook is printed and distributed to members. This book contains everything you need to know about your club such as office bearers, championships, names of members plus phone numbers, calendar of events and sponsors.

ETIQUETTE

Etiquette is all about behaviour on the green and in and around the club. Most are common sense and help a game go more smoothly.

Here are a few examples;

1. Always be on time for the start of a game.
2. Bowlers should start and finish a game with a handshake
3. Visitors are always made welcome
4. When ready to bowl check with the next rink to see if another player is ready to bowl so that you don't bowl at the same time



INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE? MAYBE HAVING A GO?

A good starting point is to contact someone in the Taradale Club who you know is a Bowls Taradale member and arrange for a trial roll up or two with their or some club bowls.

Another option is to contact the Club Captain or a member of the Bowls Taradale Executive. These guys will sort out what's the next best step for you. Our Executive team for this year is:

President: Warren Whyte 844 1696

Vice President: Phil Norman 844 0554

Treasurer: Jo Hayes 835 2452

Secretary: Darryl Le Claire 844 9310

Club Captain: Robert Rae 845 1380

If you want to receive coaching from the get go, then feel free to contact our Coaching Convenor: John McLaughlin 844 4126