

BOWLS NORTH HARBOUR UMPIRES' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL REPORT TO BNH BOARD

The BNH Umpires' Association set a number of goals for the 2024/25 season. These goals were:-

- > Complete negotiations with BNH to become a sub-committee
- Run three (3) successful tournaments
- Recruit and train new members
- > Upskill experienced Level 1 Umpires to Level 2
- > Outfit all new umpires with a complete umpire tool kit
- Purchase a laser measure (following approval of Bowls NZ Umpires)
- > Ensure members receive regular training and upskilling

Our goals achieved to date are:-

- > Became a sub-committee of Bowls North Harbour in December 2024
- > We have run three (3) successful tournaments
- > Recruited six members: five Level 1 umpires, one Measurer Umpire
- Trained two (2) Level 2 umpires
- > Supplied all new umpires with a complete toolkit.
- > Purchased two (2) laser measures and ordered a third

In addition, our more experienced members umpired at both the Oceania International Challenge and the World Champion of Champion Singles, both events being held in November in Auckland and Browns Bay respectively, and the NZ Nationals in January 2025.

The Association especially wishes to thank

- Tony Popplewell for his patience, understanding and guidance during the period of consultation and negotiation leading to our becoming a sub-committee of Bowls North Harbour and
- Nigel Rattray for his initiative that resulted in a request to all member clubs of Bowls North Harbour for a contribution toward our funds of \$100 each. The donations received enabled us to purchase a laser measure and additional equipment required by our members.

In a year of many highlights, the implementation of the laser measures has been especially welcomed by the players. We are therefore pleased to note that we have purchased two further laser measures, which will be used as much as possible by our members. At least three umpires have purchased their own laser measure (\$600 each), thus demonstrating their considerable commitment to umpiring.

We look forward to the 2025/26 season with real anticipation.

Sheryl Wellington President Bowls North Harbour Umpires' Association