

EARLY SEASON START FOR NZ PROFESSIONAL BOWLS ASSOCIATION

The New Zealand Professional Bowls Association starts early this season with the Bowls Heretaunga venue in Hastings getting underway on the evening of Friday 5th May with a Shanghai Singles qualifier, a Ranking singles tournament and a Scottish Singles qualifier that weekend. Entries close with coordinator Dave Porteous this Friday. The PBA Subscription remains unchanged at \$175 from previous years.

Soon after this a catch-up 2022 New Zealand and Australian PBA Challenge will take place at the Mandurah Club in Perth on May 15th and 16th featuring a strong kiwi team of Andrew Kelly, Ray Martin, Gavin Scrivener, Sheldon Bagrie-Howley and Craig Merrilees to resume battle after a three year break for the Pandemic. A return 2023 event will be held in New Zealand in September.

Auckland will see a new venue used this season at Royal Oak which is quickly gaining a reputation for good organisation and a great surface. The rest of the venues are unchanged including Paritutu in New Plymouth, Naenae in Wellington, the Dunedin Bowls Stadium, and Waverley in Invercargill. Waverley will host Finals Weekend in September for the first time in 10 years.

Information including an application form and entry forms can be found on the worldbowlstour.org site under PBA – New Zealand. Beware the New Plymouth entry form should read 19 and 20 August for their last weekend.

The full programme is as follows:

2023 NZ PBA Dates

- 15 & 16 May: catch-up 2022 PBA Trans Tasman Challenge in Perth
- 5-7 May: PBA qualifiers* in Hastings
 - Shanghai Singles
 - Ranking Singles
 - Scottish Open Singles qualifying
- 2 - 5 Jun: PBA Qualifiers* in Dunedin
 - 5.30pm & 8.30am Shanghai Singles qualifying
 - 12noon & 8.30am Scottish Singles qualifying
 - 2pm & 8.30am UK Singles qualifying
- 3 – 5 Jun: PBA Qualifiers* in Auckland (Royal Oak), New Plymouth & Invercargill
 - (NP 11am) Shanghai Singles
 - (NP 8.30am) Ranking Singles
 - (NP 8.30am) Scottish Singles
- 5 Jun: PBA Qualifier in Wellington
 - Shanghai Singles
- 17 & 18 Jun: PBA qualifiers* in Wellington
 - Ranking Singles
 - Scottish Singles
- 17 & 18 Jun: PBA qualifiers* in New Plymouth & Hastings
 - World Indoor Singles qualifying
 - World Indoor Pairs qualifying

- 24 & 25 Jun: PBA qualifiers* in Auckland
 - (NP 9am) World Indoor Singles qualifying
 - (NP 8.30am) World Indoor Pairs qualifying
- 1 & 2 Jul: PBA qualifiers* in Wellington
 - World Indoor Singles
 - World Indoor Pairs
- 21 - 23 Jul: PBA qualifiers* & player meeting in Dunedin
 - 4.30pm & 12.30pm World Indoor Singles qualifying
 - 8.30am World Indoor Pairs qualifying
- 29 & 30 Jul: PBA qualifiers* in Invercargill
 - World Indoor Pairs
 - World Indoor Singles
- 29 & 30 Jul: PBA qualifiers* in Wellington
 - Ranking Singles
 - UK Singles qualifying
- 4 - 6 Aug: PBA qualifiers* in Dunedin
 - 4.30pm & 12.30pm Anytime Ranking Singles
 - After QF & 8.30am Anytime Ranking Singles
- 5 & 6 Aug: PBA qualifiers* & player meetings in Auckland & Hastings
 - Ranking Singles
 - UK Singles qualifying
- 12 Aug: PBA qualifier finals as required in Wellington
- 12 & 13 Aug: PBA qualifiers * in Invercargill
 - Ranking Singles
 - UK Singles
- 19 & 20 Aug: PBA qualifiers * in New Plymouth
 - 9am Ranking Singles
 - 8.30am UK Singles
- 20 Aug: PBA qualifier finals as required in Dunedin 8.30am
- 15 – 17 Sep: PBA Finals Weekend & Player meeting in Invercargill
 - Shanghai Singles qualifying
 - All Finals
 - Delegates meeting
- 18 & 19 Sep: 2023 PBA Trans Tasman Challenge in Dunedin
- Nov?: WBT Scottish Singles in Edinburgh, Scotland
- Jan 2024?: WBT World Indoor Champs in Norfolk
- Mar 2024?: WBT UK Singles in Newcastle

* Players can only play a maximum of 2 Ranking Singles, and 1 attempt at each qualifying event in a season