

Drama on the Green

The First Open Optional Tournament of the Season!

At long last — the skies cleared, the sun made a guest appearance, and the stars aligned for our **first Open Optional Tournament** on **Wednesday 22 October 2025!**

With the generous backing of **Tokoroa Stihl Shoppe** and **Gateway Glass**, the stage was set. **Thirteen teams** assembled — warriors from **Te Awamutu, Matamata, Hinuera, and Putaruru**, joining the proud ranks of Tokoroa's own. The greens gleamed, the bowls rolled true, and the competition was fierce from the first jack.



Round One: chaos and carnage! Six teams claimed victory, six tasted defeat, and one team was gifted the mystical "Bye" — the bowling equivalent of a golden ticket.

Round Two: déjà vu — six up, six down, and one resting easy. But the plot thickened: five teams now stood unbeaten, their confidence growing, eyes glinting with the promise of glory.

Round Three: tension mounted. Only two teams remained perfect. Fate, with a wicked grin, drew the other two *against each other*. The result? A nail-biting **draw!** Gasps echoed across the green. The dream of a clean sweep was shattered — or was it?

Everything came down to **Round Four**. Every end felt like a final. Every bowl, a decider.

The two draw-hardened teams clawed their way to victory again, finishing on 3½ wins each — but one, in a cruel twist, toppled a team that had been sitting pretty on 3 wins. There were sighs, near tears, and perhaps one or two muttered "what-ifs."

But in the end — only one team stood undefeated. Four wins from four. **The champions of the day.**



🏆 **Winners:** *The Tokoroa Titans* — **Kath & Gary Nepe** and **Aaron Murphy** — unstoppable, unflappable, and utterly unmissable.

🥈 **Runners-Up:** *The Putaruru Power Trio* — **Noel Sutton, Mark Nichols & Peter Roscoe**, proving visitors can pack a punch.

🥉 **Third Place:** *Michelle Clarke*, returning triumphantly to

Tokoroa, joined by *The Mangakino Maidens* **Tina Jakes & Gwen Dwane**, dazzling as always.

The crowd may have thinned, the shadows may have lengthened — but the talk of the greens was clear:

"What a day!"

Full results await on the **Results Page** — if your heart can handle it.

