

2026 CNZ 60+ Billiards Tournament

Tauranga Citizens Club, Friday 18th September 2026

Thank you to the 10 players that entered to compete in the 2026 CNZ 60+ Billiards. Most of the players were local but 2 travelled from Hamilton and 1 from Northland. Amazing commitment to the game by Damian Wojcik from the Kamo Club.

Also, a massive thanks to the Tauranga Citizens Club management and staff for welcoming us into their club and making us feel at home for the duration of the event. The tables were pristine (thanks to Darryl) and the venue quality was evident, so thanks go out to Manager Joanna and her staff.

A special thank you to Michaela Bowden for her support and guidance in the leadup to the event and her stellar help with some of the admin aspects of the event as well.

The 2026 event was shortened from 2 days to 1 day. With 10 players we were able to adjust some of the schedule to accommodate the shortened time frame. One hour qualifying in 2 groups of 5, worked best, and this allowed a 30-minute lunch break.

There were very competitive matches throughout the day, with many of the margins being 20 points or less. There were several upsets. Many players commented on how competitive the matches were as some top seeds were toppled.

Graham Hills proved to be the most consistent player and richly deserved his Main Event win.

Most of us have committed to playing again next year, so I think this event will become stronger in the coming years. Already looking forward to the 2027 event in Tokoroa.

Main Winner: Graham Hills (Hamilton Workingmen's Club)

Main Runner Up: Marco van der Zwaard (Tauranga Citizens Club)

Semi Finalists: Damian Wojcik (Kamo Club) and Alan Bush (Tauranga Citizens Club)

Tournament High Break: Graham Hills (41)

Plate Winner: Ken Goebel (Tauranga Citizens Club)

Plate Runner Up: Mark Taylor (Tauranga Citizens Club)

Plate Semi Finalists: Allan Dower and Bob Chesters (Tauranga Citizens Club)

Plate Quarter Finalists: Paul Phillips(Hamilton) and Heather Chesters (Tauranga Citizens Club)

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