

PLAYER PROFILE

CHRIS LE LIEVRE

Quick Facts

Favourite movie:

Trainspotting.

Time in bowls: 10 years.

Favourite food: Steamed Leigh Snapper in a lemongrass broth with wasabi linguini, oriental mushroom and basil; from Auckland's White restaurant at the Hilton. You need to try it.

Dream Job: Professional golfer.

Dream Destination: Ibiza, Spain.

A curious peak across the road at the local bowls competition sparked an interest which has lead Chris Le Lievre on the journey to Black Jack success.

The first game of bowls Chris saw was the National Championship Fours final in 1996 at Howick, just down from his house. "To this day it is still the most amazing exhibition of bowls I have ever seen" and at that point Chris decided that one day he would play.

Chris' greatest achievement on the green has been winning the National Fours title in 2008 but says "nothing beats pulling on the silver fern to play Australia". Off the green Chris' great achievement is surviving meningitis in 2003, after which he worked his way to full fitness, but was forced to give up his other love, rugby. Chris hopes to one day have the chance to play Australia's Sean Baker, as he "gives 110% on the green and never backs down an inch". Chris describes his playing style as strategic, his strategy around the matt as being confident in the shot, and with a strong pre-matt routine. He confesses his pre game ritual is wearing his fluffy white robe around the house on game mornings, something fellow teammate Danny Delany is not a fan of.

When not on the green or wearing his white robe Chris works at his Onehunga Bowling Club as the Bowls/



Playing Australia in the Trans Tasman Triples.

Venue Manager. He fills his free time with playing the guitar, poorly as he puts it, spending time at his bach, playing sport and catching up with friends. And as for all those who think bowls is just for retired people? As Chris puts it "they must be delusional!"

The single learning which has most improved Chris' game is; "that no matter what anyone says, you cannot go out all night and still play well the next day", and the advice he would pass onto a player wanting to improve their game? "Train, train, train. With a good, experienced

coach". Chris follows his own advice under the guidance of coach Marlene Castle and during the bowls season spends around 10hours a week playing, and 5hours training. With a strong dedication and love of the sport we will be seeing a lot more of Chris in the future.



Out surfing, one of the many sports Chris enjoys.



Chris with Danny Delany.