

Scarbro Caro Bowl 2019 Round 1

Men Pool A

Defending champion Karaka opened the 2019 season with a strong 5-1 win over Royal Oak on Friday night. The Karaka side was missing a couple of top players but still managed to round out a comfortable victory with imports Bradley Mousley and Frank Moser leading the charge. Cockle Bay welcomed Bucklands Beach to the competition by handing them a 5-1 defeat. Nick Beamish scored a win for Bucklands Beach in the top singles against Rob Reynolds but that was the only point they could chalk up in the local derby contest.

Men Pool B

After the opening round of pool play former champs Next Gen have quickly moved to the top of the table with a clean sweep win against Remuera. Headed by Rhett Purcell and Finn Tearney, Next Gen look like one of the major contenders again this year. The Eden Epsom v Blockhouse Bay encounter was the closest men's match in first round play with Blockhouse Bay narrowly winning 4-2. The doubles points were split and youngster George Stoupe picked up the decisive point for the Bay when he won his singles in three sets at number one.

Women Pool A

Royal Oak beat Parnell 8-0 in the opening match on Friday night to kick start their season. Across town at Blockhouse Bay the home side downed Kohimarama in a countback of sets after matches were locked at 3-3. This was a great first up win for Blockhouse Bay who are new to the competition this year.

Women Pool B

Bucklands Beach got off to a good start against Campbell Park by claiming both doubles matches but Campbell Park came back to win two of the four singles matches. Elyse Tse scored a good win at number one when she beat Jade Otway. Sunnyhills also opened its account with a 4-2 win against Pompallier. The doubles matches were split as were the top two singles but Sunnyhills ran away with the bottom two singles which they won easily.

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